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Sultan: Comment on AOI premature

RIYADH, July 4 (Agencies) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Wednesday it is too early to comment on news reports that Saudi Arabia plans to transfer the ownership of the Arab Organization for Industrialization (AOI) to itself.

The arms-making consortium was formed by the Kingdom, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar to manufacture weapons under license from foreign companies.

The three other members decided to liquidate AOI after the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli separate peace treaty because they said that Egypt's agreement with the Jewish state was incompatible with AOI's goals.

"We have not finished liquidating it yet," Prince Sultan said Wednesday, "so it is really premature to start talking about the transfer of ownership."

In Cairo, meanwhile the government's Middle East News Agency said Tuesday that Egypt and the other three members of the consortium had failed to reach an agreement on how the liquidation should proceed.

MENA said if the three Arab states agreed, Egypt would ask the arbitration arm of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to rule on their differences.

AOI was founded in 1975 with a capital of \$1.04 billion from the three Arab peninsula states, with Egypt turning over its existing arms factories to the company.

AOI has signed contracts with British arms manufacturers for local assembly of anti-tank missiles and Lynx helicopters, and with a U.S. firm to manufacture Jeeps.

The question of these contracts is unresolved, as is the status of AOI as a whole.

The four partners in the company spent more than two weeks in Paris last month trying to reach an agreement on how to divide up the organization's assets, but were unable to come to an accord.

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Qaddafi arrives in Riyadh

RIYADH, July 4 (SPA) — President Muammar Qaddafi of Libya arrived here Wednesday on a state visit to Saudi Arabia.

King Khalid led a welcoming delegation at the airport which included Crown Prince Fahd, Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwairat and Saudi Ambassador to Libya Sheikh Abdullah Al-Fadl.

After introducing his accompanying delegation to King Khalid, President Qaddafi accompanied the monarch to the rostrum where a military band played the national anthems of the two countries.

A brief rest followed at the Royal lounge and the King accompanied his guest in a motorcade to the palace where the



President Qaddafi

Libyan leader is to stay. Qaddafi is accompanied by Maj. Al-Khuwairat, member of the Revolutionary Command Council and commander of Popular Resistance; Muhammad Abdul Qassem Al-Zawi, assistant secretary of the General People's Conference; Abdul Majid Al-Qaoud, liaison secretary; Dr. Ali Al-Turaiki, secretary of the Foreign Ministry and Abu Zeid Omar Dardah, secretary of municipalities. Earlier Wednesday, Qaddafi



King Khalid

and United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan al-Nahayan reiterated their opposition to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. A statement issued after talks between the two leaders Wednesday said the treaty ignored the Palestinian people's rights and violated the Arab League charter. Both sides emphasized the need to implement resolutions of recent Arab meetings in Baghdad which imposed political and economic sanctions on Egypt for signing the pact.

Jerusalem issue

Muslim states urged to retaliate

FEZ, Morocco, July 4 (AP) — Muslim Ministers Tuesday night called on all Islamic nations to break off diplomatic and economic relations with countries moving embassies to Jerusalem.

The Committee of al Qods (Jerusalem) ended a two-day meeting called by Morocco's King Hassan II by adopting a list of resolutions designed to focus world attention on the Palestinian situation and Israeli rule of Arab East Jerusalem.

It called on Muslim heads of state to consult with the members of the U.N. Security Council about the gravity of the situation in occupied Palestine and the Arab world's general reaction to Israel's occupation of Arab territory.

"We must put an end to the continued aggression against the Holy City of Jerusalem and the other territories inhabited by Palesti-

nians and Arabs," the 12-nation committee said. "We must seriously contribute to the realization of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people."

The declaration demanded that leaders of Islamic nations take up "firm positions which include the breaking of diplomatic and economic relations with the

nations who decide to transfer their embassies to Jerusalem."

The committee, set up by last month's Islamic conference of foreign ministers, also suggested the implementation of a plan to supply information and organize world seminars on Jerusalem and Palestine, to strengthen the Islamic communities in Jerusalem.

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France lauds move on Saudi oil output

PARIS, July 4 (R) — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing Wednesday hailed Saudi Arabia's decision to increase its oil production.

"This decision, which shows the high sense of responsibility of the Saudi Arabian authorities, responds to the measures taken by the consuming countries to reduce their oil consumption," he told the weekly cabinet meeting.

"This decision will also enable to ensure a greater stability on the world energy market."

Saudi Arabia Monday announced it had decided to increase its oil output. It said this decision was on a temporary basis.

President Giscard d'Estaing also reported to the cabinet on the results achieved at the summit meeting of the seven major non communist industrialized countries in Tokyo last week, presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt told reporters.

The French leader described the Tokyo decision limiting oil imports and seeking new energy sources as "extremely substantial."

He said that France would henceforth have to manage to live with dearer and scarcer petrol.

Germans challenged

In Bonn, meanwhile, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Wednesday challenged the West German automobile industry to lead the world in developing a low-energy, clean car.

Schmidt made the proposal in an 80-minute report to parliament on the June economic summit meeting in Tokyo and his government's plan to deal with energy problems.

"In the long run, we must develop a completely new automobile that saves energy and is environmentally safe," Schmidt said.

"Until then the automobile companies should concentrate on the competition to reduce gasoline consumption as well as exhaust and noise."

"They should seek a leading international position in this field, too."

He noted that an agreement between the German auto industry and the economics minister to produce an energy-saving car by 1985 was concluded before the latest oil-price hikes.

"Therefore, I appeal today to the automobile industry to shorten this time period," Schmidt



President Giscard d'Estaing

said. "I would be very surprised if this is not possible."

Schmidt rejected any suggestions to place a speed limit on West German autobahns, where high-powered Porsches and Mercedes sedans regularly roar along at 230 kilometers (143 miles) an hour.

Gasoline, which costs more than two dollars a gallon in West Germany, is still readily available and there have been no queues of

motorists to tank up as there have been in the United States.

Schmidt said he presumed rising prices would serve to make drivers more energy conscious. If not, he said, the government would rethink the speed-limit question. West Germany has a strong lobby and widespread public support in favor of the fast roads.

The rest of Schmidt's energy plan was a continuation of plans that were begun in 1973-74 in response to the Arab oil embargo.

"At present there is still no necessity for a revision (of the plan)," Schmidt said. "However, it is necessary to intensify and accelerate this policy, especially in conservation."

He repeated his warning that "the shortage and in part the irreparability of oil imply the danger of worldwide struggle for supplies."

Schmidt said West Germany's immediate energy plans would continue to stress the need for more nuclear reactors and more reliance on the country's special reserves. But he noted that both fuels bring risks.

U.S. 'real danger' to Iran, says envoy

KUWAIT, July 4 (Agencies) — The United States is the "real danger" to Iran and Arab Gulf states, according to the Iranian ambassador in Kuwait.

Ali Shams Ardakani said Wednesday that the Soviet Union poses no threat to the Iranian revolution nor to the Gulf states. "The Communists pose no threat to the region but the real threat comes only from the United States," Ardakani said, in an interview with the Kuwaiti daily "Al-Siyassah."

"We are convinced that the United States will not spare any opportunity to hit us because the Islamic revolution in Iran had wiped out America's biggest oil, economic and espionage base," in toppling the Shah's regime, he said.

The ambassador disclosed that his government invited the ruler of

Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to visit Iran, thus becoming the first Arab head of state who received such invitation.

The Iranian government has also invited Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah and Finance Minister Abdul-Rahman Al-Atiqi, he said.

FLO message

Earlier Tuesday, the leader of the Iranian revolution Ayatollah Khomeini received a message from Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Tehran radio said the message, delivered by PLO representative in Tehran Hani al Hassan, dealt with current Middle East developments and the situation in Southern Lebanon.

'Bad oil news' mars American anniversary

WASHINGTON, July 4 (R) — Americans celebrated Independence Day Wednesday knowing that President Jimmy Carter probably had bad news for them Thursday when he outlines his response to the energy crisis.

Carter and his officials have indicated clearly that the American public will be called upon to make sacrifices when the president speaks on television Thursday night.

The official message has been that there is no easy solution to shortages that have prompted soaring fuel costs, long lines at filling stations, and worries about whether Americans will be able to stay warm in the coming winter.

The administration has not disclosed in detail what Carter has decided to say after talks with his energy advisers over the past two days.

Among topics they discussed was exploiting so-called synthetic fuels, energy sources which so far have mostly been uneconomical to exploit.

The "Washington Star" said Tuesday it had obtained a draft plan for a crash program to extract fuel from the country's deposits of tar sands and shale.

The paper said the proposal, one of several being discussed for the formation of a "synthetic fuel development authority," a government body that would include the secretaries of energy, defense and the treasury.

The president may also revive a plan, rejected once by the House of Representatives, to give him standby powers to impose gasoline rationing.

Other suggestions are that he will seek to impose new taxes on large "gas-guzzling" cars and that pollution standards will be eased to allow greater use of "dirty" fuels such as coal.

He may also encourage large industrial oil consumers to make greater use of relatively plentiful natural gas and coal.

The administration has said it believes that congress will be less indifferent to energy-conserving initiatives than in the past.

Carter, who has barely had time to recover from last week's trip to the Far East where he attended the seven-nation economic summit in Tokyo and visited South Korea, is spending Independence Day at his Camp David presidential retreat.

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Charitable panel meets

RIYADH, July 4 (SPA) — A new Islamic charitable organization held its first meeting here Tuesday at which it appealed for contributions and up a committee to draw set up its statute. The organization, under the chairman of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, has recently been given SR13.8 million.

Prince Salman will write personal letters inviting contributions and other regional governors were asked to help raise money. The organization is studying ways of ensuring itself a steady income. A committee was appointed to



investigate the possibility of building charity hospitals in the kingdom. (see story page two)

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SR13.8 million received so far

New Islamic charity appeals for support

RIYADH, July 4 (SPA) — The board of directors of the Islamic Charitable Society has decided to set up a committee to prepare the society's statute and to ask regional governors to invite people to become active members of the society's general assembly.

The resolution was adopted Tuesday during the board's first meeting, presided over by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman chairman.

A resolution was adopted that a

technical committee be formed under Saleh Abdullah Kamel to study the Kingdom's needs for charitable hospitals and how they should be manned and paid for.

The society has invited all Muslims to make donations. It has so far received SR 13.875 million in cash and kind.

The technical committee will prepare reports on the selecting sites for the society's hospitals in different regions of the Kingdom. It will study plans and designs for

the hospitals and discuss them in detail with consultants.

The board also studied the list of contributors and considered how to collect as much as possible.

It called upon Muslims to send their donations to the society at the address of Prince Salman or any of the board members.

The board decided that Prince Salman should write personal letters inviting contributions. The society will accept donations in cash, land, shares or endowments.

It urged religious scholars, intellectuals and the media to call upon Muslims to come forward.

The board considered how best the society's funds could be invested to guarantee a permanent income for the society, and authorized the society's chairman and secretary general to buy into joint stock companies and real estate. It proposed the establishment of medical projects and suggested setting up a medical instruments factory.

The board said the society's projects inside the Kingdom should be completed before the society undertakes any project in another Islamic country.

Then the initiative must be from that country. After they had collected money, the society would come forward.

The Saudi government, the board said, would spare no effort to help all Islamic states. When the society had collected enough money it would be able to participate.

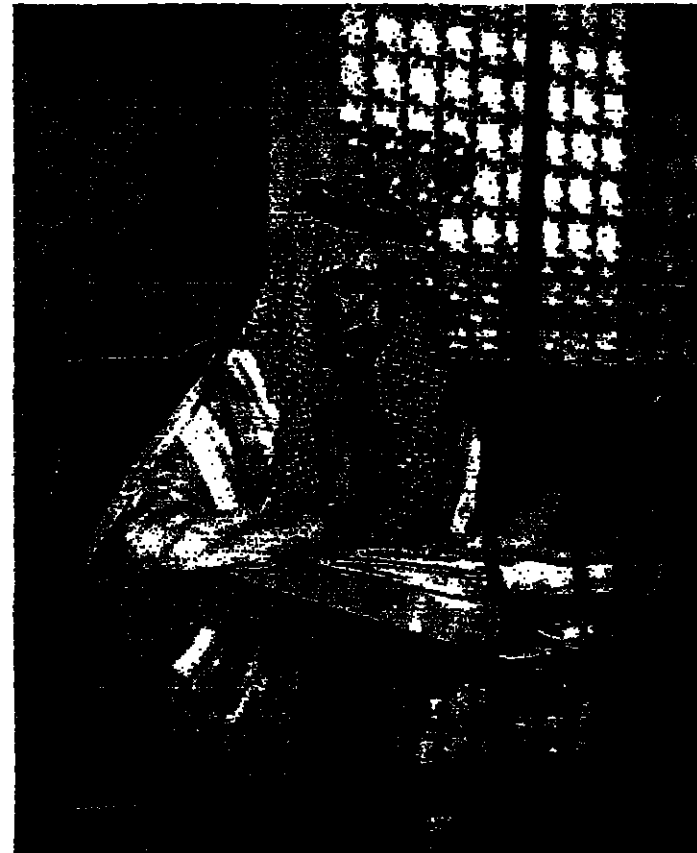
The board also announced the third list of donations. Prince Ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor of Mecca has given SR 1.5 million.

Other donations included SR 200,000 from Sheikh Abdul Rahman bin Ahmad Al-Sudairi; SR 500,000 (in land) from the people of Jauz; SR 3 million from Dr. Hassan Abdullah Kamel (for the construction of a nursery for babies of patients at Mecca hospitals); SR100,000 promised annually, from Dr. Kamel; SR1 million promised annually by Saleh Abdullah Kamel; SR500,000 Zuhair Fayez, (who also volunteered to supervise the construction of the society's hospitals); SR75,000 from Awadiah Abdullah Al-Awdiah and SR6 million from Sheikh Hassan Al-Mishari and Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Mishari (to buy land in Abha).

Concluding the session, Prince Salman and other members of the board expressed their deep gratitude to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their support and encouragement of the society.

Check

Qasim, July 4 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Qasim Sheikh Sam bin Muhammad Sultan received a SR30,000 check Wednesday from Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan toward the construction of the proposed writers' club in Buraidah.



Prince Salman

Record 78,000 teachers to fly home this summer

By Hussein Shaer

JEDDAH, July 4 — A record 78,000 foreign contract teachers working in Saudi Arabia are returning home for the summer.

SR1.96 billion contract let for Riyadh airport

GENEVA, July 4 — A SR1.96 billion contract for the third phase of Dhahran airport has been signed between a Swiss-French consortium and the Civil Aviation Department.

Work will last three years, according to one of the Swiss companies involved.

The foreign companies are Campenon Bernard Cetra and Dragages et Travaux Publics of Paris, Conrad Schokke of Geneva, Hatt-Haller and Locher of Geneva, Frutiger of Thun and Preiswerk of Basel.

The contract was signed 4 June.

Saudia is putting on 17 extra flights a day for them. They will start on or about July 10, and will continue for a month.

Saudia has chartered five DC-8s and one Boeing 747.

In addition to international teachers' flights, Saudia will also fly teachers from various towns within the Kingdom to Jeddah.

To minimize pressure and chaos at airports, special departure halls are provided for teachers.

Summer

RIYADH, July 4 (SPA) — Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University Wednesday approved the opening of students' summer centers in Riyadh, Ras, Abha, Najran, Tabuk and Medina.

The centers will provide various social, cultural and sporting activities. Registration of students in the Riyadh summer center will start on July 10 at the Riyadh Educational Institute and Students' Club building in Ibn Dabul's on the Hejaz Road.

Algosaibi to finalize 20 per cent purchase of aluminium facility

By a Staff Reporter

MANAMA, July 4 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi arrived here Tuesday to finalize the Kingdom's purchase of 20 per cent of Alba, the Aluminium Bahrain smelting plant.

He said in a statement to SPA on arrival that such participation in the ownership of industries reflected a high degree of economic cooperation and coordination. It was also a measure of the political proximity shown at last week's summit of Arabian Peninsula leaders.

King Khaled was host at a Peninsula summit, with leaders of Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE, Kuwait and North Yemen coming to Khamis Mushait for talks and to watch a combined Saudi air and land forces exercise described by one newspaper as the largest ever held in the area.

Dr. Gosaibi said work was to begin on the Bahrain Causeway, between the island and Saudi Arabia, in the autumn. He stressed the importance of its being built as a physical link to complement the moral.

The Bahrain plant has a capacity of 120,000 tons a year, and there are plans to increase its output to 170,000 tons a year. That will cost about SR410 million. The first half of the expansion should be in service by the spring of 1981, the second by that October.

For the Kingdom's own plans to build an aluminium smelter in



Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi

Jubail, Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation Chief Executive Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel was quoted by "Al-Medina" Wednesday as saying that the board of SABIC was studying a report that had established it was economically viable.

The feasibility study had been prepared by a foreign consultancy firm. The proposed Jubail smelter has a capacity of 225,000 tons a year.

It was also reported Wednesday that SABIC had received from Mitsubishi in Japan the feasibility study for the proposed methanol plant at Jubail. It has a planned capacity of 2,000 tons a day.

Two other foreign firms, Texas Eastern and Celanese, have presented SABIC with a report on a possible second methanol plant at Jubail, with the same capacity proposed.

Bank appoints PR man

JEDDAH, July 4 — The National Commercial Bank, the largest in the country, has appointed Sabri Abu Al-Jamayeel director of public relations. He was manager of the bank's Bab Sharif branch until recently.

Pilgrimage force approved

RIYADH, July 4 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif has approved the formation of a Pilgrimage security force commanded by Maj. Gen. Jaber Abdul Hafeez to control traffic.

SDF aide meets Yemeni

SANAA, July 4 (SPA) — Yemeni Minister of Development and Chairman of the Board of Planning Ali Tufat Al-Nur and Saudi Development Fund official Dr. Khaled Al-Masud met here Wednesday.

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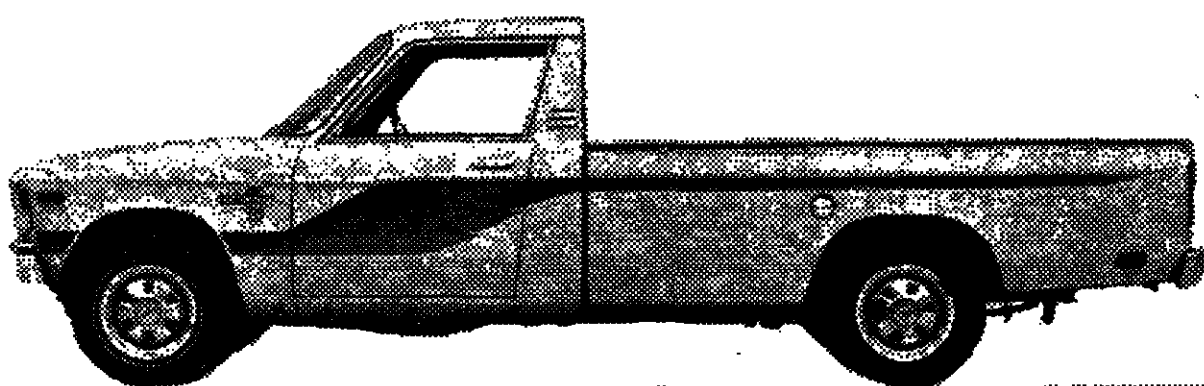
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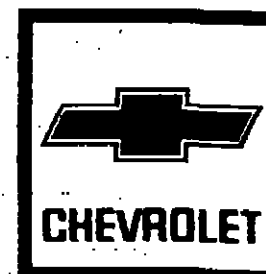
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Arafat anticipates major Israeli strike against Palestinians

BEIRUT, July 4 (Agencies) — Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat has said he expects a major Israeli offensive on Palestinian camps in Lebanon.

Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was speaking at a press conference Tuesday after briefing Arab and East bloc ambassadors on increased Israeli military activity against the commandos.

"I expect big military operations," the PLO chief said. "We expect a long, hot summer. But we are not an easy nut to crack."

He bitterly attacked Israel's announcement earlier this week that the Jewish state had abandoned its policy of retaliation to commando attacks in favor of hitting the Palestinians at will.

"Israelis, using sophisticated America-supplied weapons, were following a scorched earth policy blessed and approved by the United States," Arafat continued.

Arafat also hinted that his commandos might try to sink supertankers at the Straits of Hormuz to block oil traffic from the Gulf to the West.

He was commenting on a statement by Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani given in an interview with "Newsweek" about the plight of the Palestinians.

Yamani said that Palestinians might sink one or more supertankers out of desperation and this would make the current oil shortage look like "a child's play."

Asked what he thought about Yamani's statement, Arafat said: "He (Yamani) wouldn't have said it without inside information." The Arabic phrasing of his answer bore a clear indication that the Yamani-suggested action might be attempted by Palestinians.

Arafat said Israeli air raids and artillery bombardment of southern Lebanon had made more than 600,000 people homeless.

Since Israel's invasion of southern Lebanon in March, 1978, air strikes and artillery attacks resulted in successive waves of refugees from the south.

Arafat said that although the commandos had completed their withdrawal from populated areas in Lebanon's deep south, Israel had bombed the southern part of Tyre for two days running.

Residents of the port said Monday that 155-MM shells had crashed into the city, but there were no reports of casualties.



Yasser Arafat

Carrington holds talks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, July 4 (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Wednesday began talks with Iraqi leaders in what is regarded as the first move by Britain to repair links with Iraq after years of acrimony.

Iraq is the first Middle East country visited by the new Conservative foreign secretary since he took office in May.

Relations between the two countries deteriorated a year ago when Britain expelled 11 Iraqi diplomats and businessmen because of concern over alleged Arab terrorism in London.

The Iraq News Agency said that Lord Carrington, who arrived from New Delhi Tuesday night, called on Saddam Hussein, vice-chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), after conferring with his Iraqi counterpart, Dr. Saadoun Ham-madi.

2 ministries eliminated in Turkey

ANKARA, July 4 (AP) — Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit Wednesday eliminated two state ministries, bringing down the number of portfolios in his cabinet from 34 to 32.

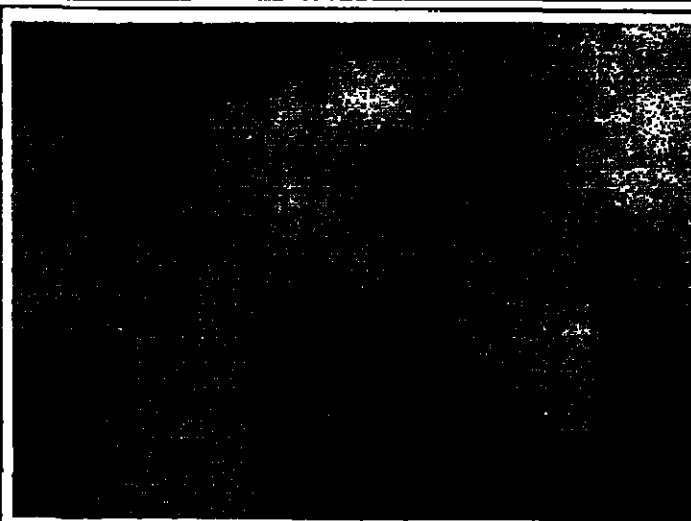
The ministerial positions had become vacant with the resignation of one state minister Ali Riza Septioglu who later joined the opposition Justice Party, and the transfer of another, Salih Yildiz, to the post of social security minister.

The minister for social security, independent deputy Hilmi Isguzar, had to resign last month because of opposition charges of corruption leveled against him.

When Ecevit formed his government 18 months ago a record number of seven state ministries were created in order to provide cabinet posts for some of the 11 independent deputies who defected from the Justice Party to help him achieve a parliamentary majority and win a vote of confidence.

The Turkish parliament began a summer recess Tuesday and the premier is known to hope for a politically quiet period ahead during which he and his team could tackle Turkey's economic difficulties.

The plan is to improve the economic situation and get rid of serious shortages of many items, from gasoline to coffee, with the help of a Western foreign aid package, expected to start being released in late July. Success of this plan would allow Ecevit's Republican People's Party to face the nation more confidently in partial senate and assembly elections scheduled for October.



IN DOHA: Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and the ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al Thani at Doha airport Monday evening during anthem playing shortly after Qaddafi's arrival for talks. Tuesday Qaddafi arrived in Abu Dhabi for oil and Mideast talks with Sheikh Zayed, president of the United Arab Emirates.

In Sahara

OAU urges ceasefire

MONROVIA, Liberia, July 4 (AP) — A committee of "wise men" from the Organization of African Unity (OAU) has called for an immediate ceasefire in the four-year-old guerrilla war in the Western Sahara to be followed by a U.N.-supervised referendum to decide the territory's future, OAU sources Tuesday.

The committee, made up of the presidents of Togo, Nigeria, Sudan and Mali, had worked on the thorny issue for a year under the leadership of Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri. Its report is to be submitted to the OAU summit meeting opening here July 17.

The report is expected to encounter vigorous opposition from Morocco which, together with neighboring Mauritania, annexed and partitioned the former Spanish Sahara territory under an agreement with Spain concluded in November 1975 in

the last days of the Franco regime. Algeria has backed the Polisario Front fighting for independence of the mineral-rich territory. Polisario hit-and-run raids have cost Morocco an estimated 100 casualties per month and have brought Morocco and Algeria to the brink of war following a Moroccan threat to strike at Polisario sanctuaries inside Algeria.

The report of the four African presidents rejected the Moroccan view that the Madrid accord recognized Moroccan sovereignty in the Sahara territory.

The committee suggested an immediate ceasefire to be observed by all parties to the dispute, and a referendum to be supervised by a special OAU body "in cooperation with the United Nations" to ensure observance of the one-man, one-vote principle.

20,000 march in Iran demanding release of Mojahedeen leader

TEHRAN, July 4 (Agencies) — About 20,000 demonstrators marched through the center of Tehran Tuesday demanding the release of an Iranian guerrilla leader accused of spying for the Soviet Union.

Small groups of Islamic militants tried to disrupt the march, shouting "the Russian spy must hang."

It was the third successive day that radicals of the People's Mojahedeen guerrilla organization have taken to the street in protest against the detention of guerrilla leader Muhammad Reza Sadati.

Sadati's wife said in a letter published Tuesday that he was arrested on April 27 by Islamic revolutionary guards posted at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

At one point in Tuesday's march, revolutionary guards fired three shots in the air to back Islamic militants trying to break through a cordon thrown around the radical demonstrators.

One major-general was executed for spying for the Soviet Union in December 1977 and another general died while under detention on similar charges in March 1978. A senior civil servant was also condemned to death for spying for the Soviet Union, but his sentence was suspended by the Shah in January 1978.

In the meantime, the Iranian Jurists' Association expressed concern Wednesday over the arrest of "revolutionary militants" by the new regime, saying it had hoped that after the February revolution "there would be no problem called political prisoners."

The association's open letter to the minister of justice was published following Tuesday's march.

Several people were injured in clashes during the march. The chief prosecutor of Iran's revolutionary courts, Mehdi Hadavi, appealed to the public Wednesday morning not to join groups that might cause violence in future demonstrations.

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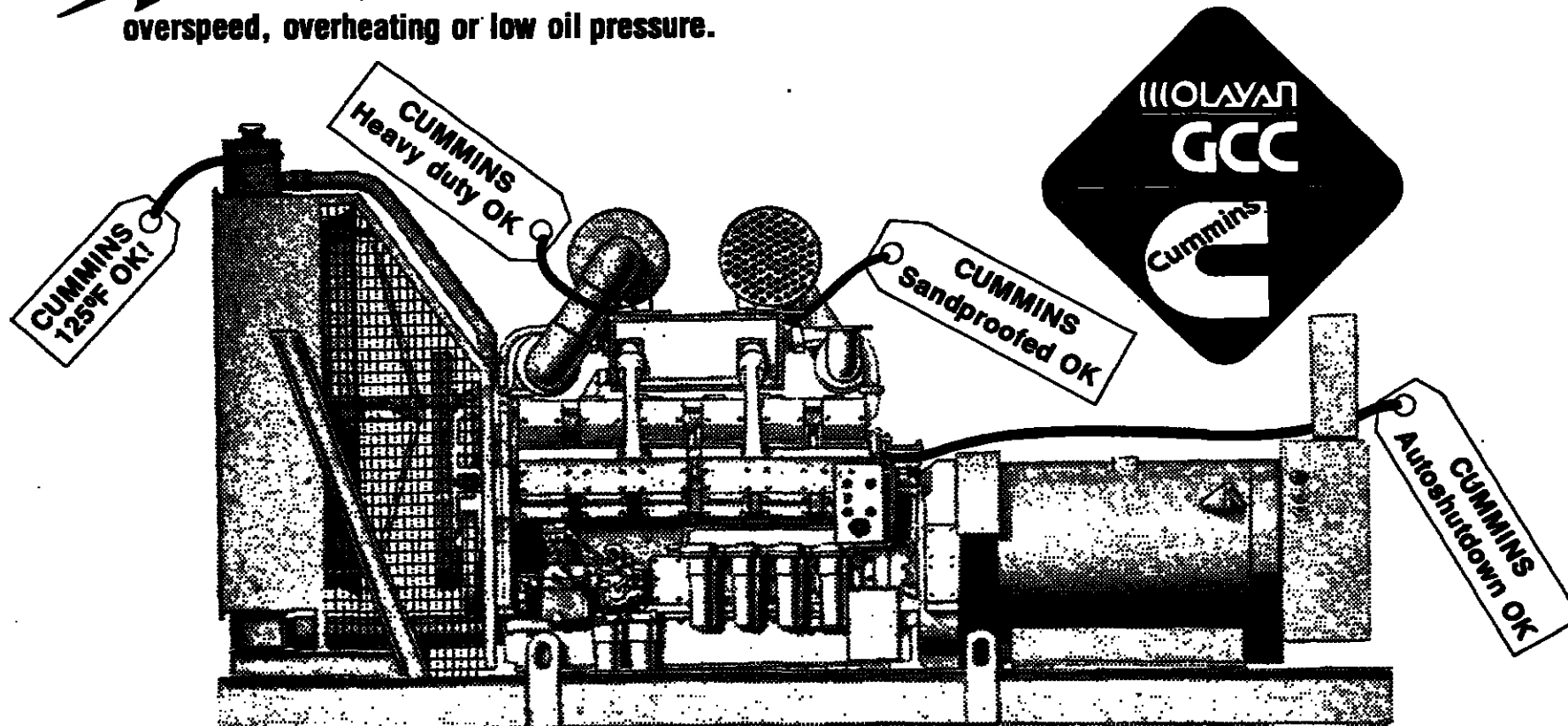
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"What you call your pithy comments"

Callaghan warns Thatcher on Rhodesia

LONDON, July 4 (AP) — James Callaghan declared Tuesday that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's attitude toward Zimbabwe Rhodesia could isolate and endanger Britain.

Callaghan clashed with Mrs. Thatcher in the House of Commons over the prime minister's statement last weekend that she did not believe her Conservative Party will renew sanctions against Rhodesia in November.

Callaghan suggested Mrs. Thatcher had committed a "great mistake" by saying this before the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference which starts in Lusaka on Aug. 1.

"If you are not careful you will find yourself isolated, Britain isolated, and the interests of the United Kingdom put at great risk as a result of what you call your pithy comments."

Mrs. Thatcher continued to maintain that there is considerable doubt whether the Conservative Party would renew the sanctions,



James Callaghan



Margaret Thatcher

first imposed 14 years ago.

Mrs. Thatcher said Britain is making "strenuous efforts" to consult with other countries to try to return Rhodesia to legality.

Her envoy Lord Harlech is travelling around Africa in an

apparent attempt to muster support for negotiations between Salisbury and the Patriotic Front.

Lord Harlech arrived in Salisbury, Tuesday for a two-day visit. If he succeeds, Mrs. Thatcher said, sanctions would be removed.

If he fails, Britain would face a "very difficult situation in November, which I referred to perfectly correctly and realistically."

Sanctions are mandatory under a United Nations resolution which is openly ignored only by South Africa. In Britain, the order comes up for annual renewal in November, the anniversary of Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of independence.

The prime minister said she will wait until the "last minute" before advising the Queen whether to go to Lusaka to open the Commonwealth conference.

The Queen is scheduled to leave July 19 on a four-nation African tour, culminating in a week's visit to Zambia from July 27.

Zambia is host to an estimated 15,000 heavily armed Rhodesian guerrillas whose bases are a regular target for ground and air strikes by Salisbury's forces.

"We are very anxious that the Queen should be able to undertake these visits and we will weigh judgment on advice received very carefully."

Buckingham Palace press secretary Michael Shea said, "You can't build a wall of steel around the Queen."

Shea is in Scotland with the Queen. Her Rolls Royce was spat upon by a demonstrator on Monday.

Shea said the Queen still intends to go to Lusaka.

"It is also important to remember that the Queen can see and be seen by the people, as that is the purpose of her visit. You cannot legislate for the occasional nut case or fanatic wanting to use a royal visit for some form of possible demonstration."

Visit

Mrs. Thatcher has accepted an invitation to pay a formal visit to the Soviet Union.

The invitation was extended by Alexei Kosygin on June 27, when Mrs. Thatcher passed through Moscow on her way to Tokyo for the economic summit meeting of industrialized nations.

The Soviet press dubbed Mrs. Thatcher the "Iron Lady" in 1976 for her criticism of Soviet military expansion when she was leader of the opposition.

Moon agreement drafted at U.N. after 7 years

UNITED Nations, July (AP) — The U.N. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space approved, after seven years of deliberations, a draft treaty governing exploitation of the moon.

The natural resources of the moon are "the common heritage of mankind" and are to be shared by all states. The draft also bars contamination of the moon's environment or any claim to national ownership of any part of the moon.

Committee Chairman Peter Yankowitch of Austria called the agreement "an important breakthrough in international cooperation."

The major difficulty over the years of negotiation has been the principle of common ownership, which is also holding up an international law of the sea.

"This is real. This is not science fiction," the chairman said. The moon agreement applies the same rules to planets and all parts of the solar system other than the earth.

It also forbids military use of the moon and declares it "shall be used by all states parties exclusively for peaceful purpose."

Europeans ask U.S. to lift ban on DC-10

WASHINGTON, July 4 (R) — West European governments have formally asked the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to lift its ban on foreign DC-10s landing in the United States. The FAA has promised to reply within a week.

European Civil Aviation Conference President Eric Willoch said Tuesday, "We have made a request that the United States accept our DC-10s operating into the United States on the basis of our airworthiness certificates."

On June 6 the FAA grounded U.S.-operated DC-10s and barred foreign DC-10s from flying here after the crash of an American Airlines DC-10 in Chicago on May 25 which killed 273 people.

Willoch, head of the Norwegian Aviation Authority, spoke after he and officials from Britain, France, Turkey, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands and Belgium met FAA Administrator Langhorne Bond and other U.S. officials at the State Department.



A DAY AT THE RACES: Britain's Queen Mother last week attended the 120th running of the Queen's Plate Stakes in Toronto.

Bangui deaths denied to chorus of catcalls

PARIS, July 4 (AP) — The mayor of Bangui, capital of the Central African Empire, has denied that any children were killed last April and said Amnesty International reports of a massacre were "machinations" of the French government.

In a rowdy news conference Tuesday interrupted by about 30 shouting Central Africans, Fred Patrice Zemoniako-Libakenze said he was not accusing President Giscard of direct involvement, but "this machination came from the Elysee."

The Amnesty report, corroborated by French journalists who visited Bangui, alleged that as many as 100 children were beaten or suffocated to death by soldiers after demonstrating against government regulations requiring all students to buy and wear uniforms. The factory which was destroyed is said to be owned by Emperor Bokassa.

Zemoniako said the French press gave prominent play to photographs of Giscard turning his back on Bokassa at the Franco-African summit in Kigali, Rwanda, but neither the Elysee nor the foreign ministry noted that the two held nearly two hours of talks about the massacre reports.

Zemoniako, was often interrupted by boisterous Central Africans shouting "murderer." When he said, "We don't arrest minor children in our country," his countrymen started a chorus of catcalls.

Security men tried to bar the group of shouting Central Africans from entering the news conference. They finally pushed their way in, shouting: "We have an interest in this... You who killed the children."

Massive ransom

Two captive Britons freed in El Salvador

LONDON, July 4 (AP) — Families of the two British bankers released after seven months captivity in El Salvador expressed joy and relief Wednesday.

But one of the two men, freed after Lloyds Bank International paid a massive but undisclosed ransom, will return home to a family shattered by the long ordeal.

And a British official, fearful that payment of one vast ransom could lead to more kidnappings by Latin American guerrillas, praised the bankers' courage but said the government would not have struck a deal with their captors.

"I want to make it absolutely clear that it is the government's policy not to pay ransoms or accede to demands of terrorists," said Minister of State at the Foreign Office Nicholas Ridley.

Lloyds Bank headquarters here confirmed it had paid ransom money for the release of Ian Vassie, 46, and Michael Chatterton, 47, but refused to disclose the amount.

One British newspaper speculated the sum was up to five million pounds (more than \$11 million) and a radio station in El Salvador put the figure at \$4 million (nearly \$9 million).

Chatterton's brother, Paul, a lecturer at Liverpool University said the family was "overjoyed."

Massie's brother, Edward, said the kidnap, the death threats and the long weeks of not knowing whether the men were dead or alive, had taken a "terrible toll" on the family.

There father, John, died last month.

"Our mother's nerves have been shattered. She has been in hospital for a fortnight."

The men were reunited with their wives at a hotel in Houston, early Wednesday. They are scheduled to give a news conference on Thursday.

"As far as we can tell they are in reasonably good shape. They seem to be in good health and good spirits," said a bank official.

"I don't know how long they will stay in Houston. But it will probably be for two or three days while they complete their medical checks and then they will return to London."

The ransom was "substantial." "I doubt if the world will ever know what was paid. It's not the sort of thing likely to be made public."

Massie, from Midlothian, Scotland, and Chatterton were snatched at gunpoint by guerrillas of the Armed Forces of National Resistance, or FARN, last Nov. 30 in a street in the business district of El Salvador.

Massie, manager of Lloyds, local branch, the Bank of London and South America, and Chatterton, his deputy, had been in the country only a few months.

FARN is reported to have collected more than \$26 million in ransom for kidnapped businessmen. Last year the guerrillas killed a Japanese captive.

Guerrillas raid house one mile from Salisbury

SALISBURY, July 4 (R) — Black guerrillas penetrated to within a mile of Salisbury city center Wednesday to blast a house with small arms and rocket fire.

An unknown number of guerrillas attacked the house of Greek Orthodox Archbishop Cyril Pappadopolous, who was home at the time.

The roof and some bedrooms were damaged, but there were no casualties in the assault, which was the closest to the center of the capital ever staged.

It is likely that the guerrillas meant to attack the adjacent home of the commander of Rhodesia's armed forces, Lt. Gen. Peter Walls.

"I don't see a Greek archbishop constituting a vital military target," one official said. "Walls is something else altogether."

The two homes are in the gun hill suburb five kilometers from downtown Salisbury.

Neighbors said they heard two bursts of automatic fire and a rocket explosion shortly after 2 a.m. "Cheeky devils," said a man who lives a block away and was awakened. "They're getting very cocky these days."

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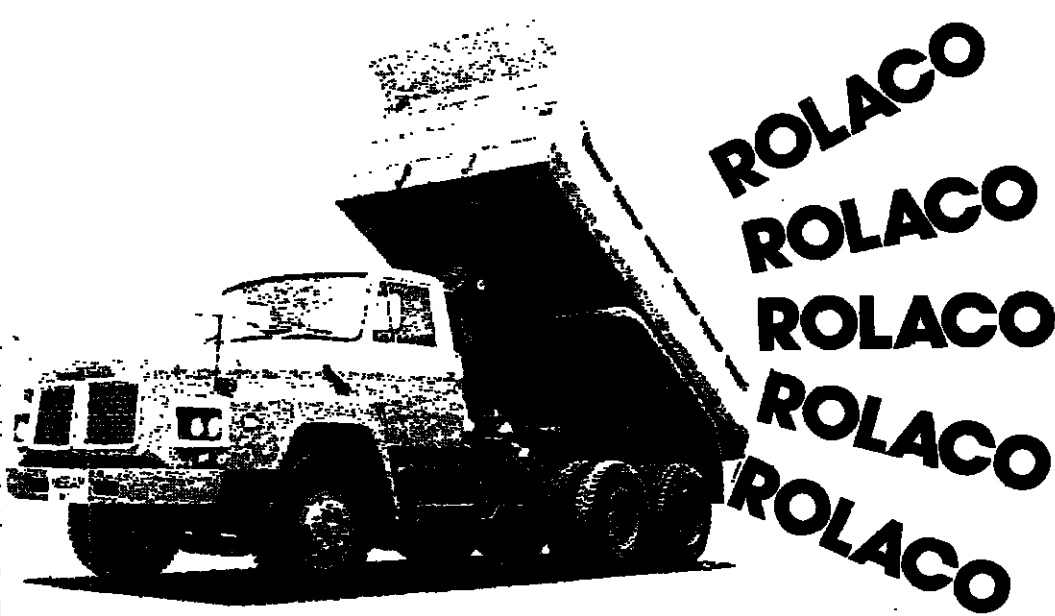
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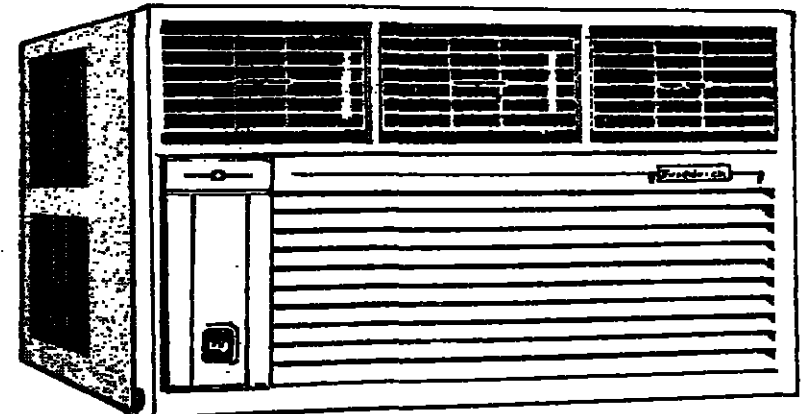


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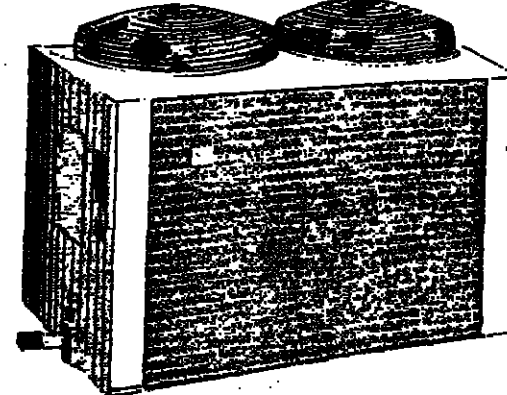
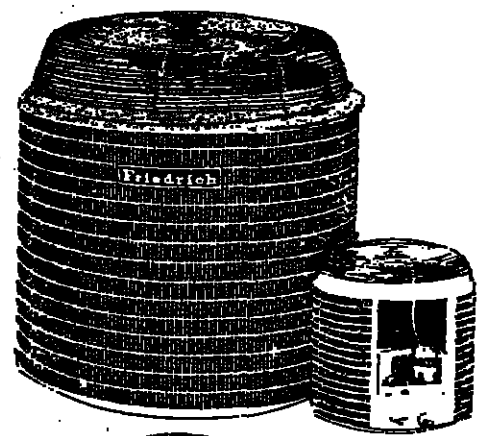
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Kuwait denounces furor over oil by W. countries

KUWAIT, July 4 (R) — Kuwait, OPEC's third largest oil exporter, has denounced the furor in industrial countries which followed the recent oil price rises as a campaign launched by Zionist organizations.

Kuwaiti Premier Sheikh-Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah told a meeting of local newspaper editors that the campaign against oil producers should be met with a counter-campaign.

He appealed to industrialized nations to conserve energy and urged oil consumers to base their relations with oil producers on mutual understanding without "threats and hostile campaigns."

On the Middle East conflict, the Sheikh said, "We own the oil, the weapons, the strategic air and maritime corridors. The Arabs should make the world's big powers understand they can say yes or no with their free will."

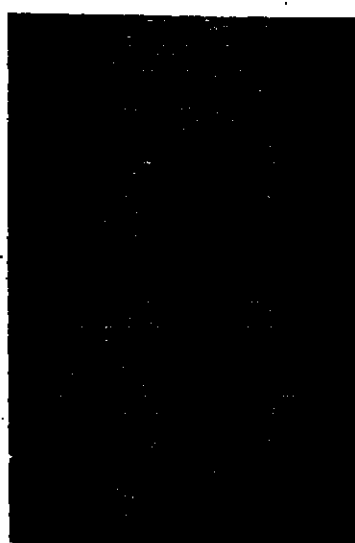
New attempt to control Mexican blowout starts

MEXICO CITY, July 4 (AP) — Specialists were making a new attempt Wednesday to cap a blazing oil well fire in the Bay of Campeche that has been spewing oil and natural gas for more than a month.

The Mexican oil monopoly Pemex said Tuesday night there is a remote chance that the new attempt will bring "positive results."

The new operation would try a repeat of a previous attempt when cement was used to close some damaged blowout prevention valves. The attempt failed when a new leak occurred.

The new leak is below the blowout valves and was located with the help of an underwater televi-



Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah

He said developments in Lebanon, particularly in the south which was a scene of devastation

and destruction, were part of a conspiracy to weaken the Arab world.

On Canada's decision to shift its Israeli embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Sheikh Saad said the Arab states had adopted a unified stand on it and Kuwait would freeze its relations with Canada if the move took place.

Canadian Premier Joe Clark said before the recent Canadian election that his government would move its embassy to Jerusalem.

But Arab reaction over the decision and pressure from Canadian businessmen who are concerned over a possible Arab boycott of Canadian goods have forced the government to postpone its final decision.

Athens takes measures to cut oil use

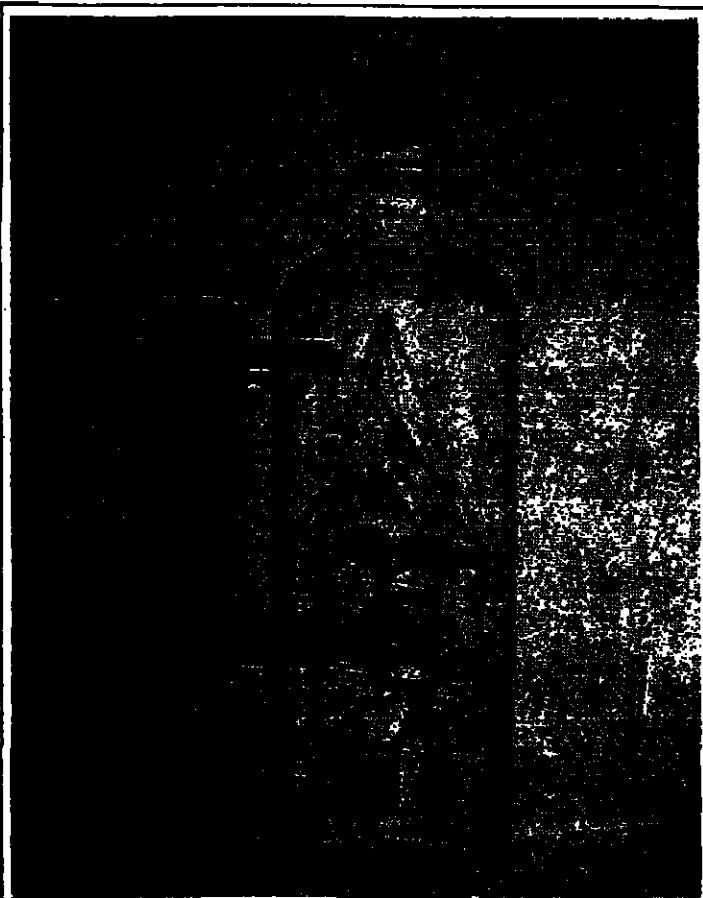
ATHENS, July 4 (R) — Greece has announced plans to cut oil consumption, ordering measures ranging from increases in gasoline prices to earlier closing hours for nightclubs and restaurants.

The civil service, armed forces and industry will all have to reduce fuel consumption. Private cars will be allowed on the roads for fewer hours at weekends and plans will be drawn up for gasoline rationing.

The price of gasoline was raised by 15.4 per cent to \$ 3.50 per gallon for high octane and 12.5 per cent to \$ 2.70 a gallon for regular.

The new pricing was effective from Tuesday.

Central heating fuel went up by 57.1 per cent to \$ 1.30 a gallon. All nightclubs and restaurants will close at 0200 local time to save electricity, and the state-controlled electricity board will apply a price scale to discourage unnecessary use of electricity.



HMS ENDEAVOUR: This sculptured model for HMS Endeavour, the ship in which Capt. Cook, the English explorer, first circled the world is entirely in glass.

Japanese firms complete gas plant for Sonatrach

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TOKYO, July 4 — Nikki and C. Itoh & Co. of Japan have completed Module II of a natural gas treatment plant in Algeria on schedule. The Japanese group won the contract from Sonatrach for building the first stage of natural gas treatment plant, Modules II and III at a cost of \$ 650 million in April 1976.

Ceremony for the completion of Module II was held June 18 at the Hassi R'mel site with the presence of President Shadii, the Secretary General of OPEC and other distinguished guests.

The plant is a part of the project which is intended to treat natural gas obtained from the Hassi R'mel gas field with a known reserve of 3 trillion square meters located in the northern part of Sahara, separate condensates and LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) and reinject the remaining methane-rich gas into the ground for natural storage.

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Belgian Franc (10)	1.14
Dutch Guilder	1.66

The prices, announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, are based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. Dollar.

'Wall Street Journal' to mark Saudi day

NEW YORK, July 4 The "Wall Street Journal" will publish a special advertising supplement on Saudi Arabia's national day on Sept. 14, the anniversary of the establishment of the Kingdom in 1932.

The supplement will be prepared in conjunction with Read Marketing and Advertising Corp. of Jeddah, and will be the "Journal's" first promotion dealing with the Kingdom.

According to "Journal" officials the supplement will provide readers with a close-up view of business and trading opportunities in the Kingdom and the range of services and facilities available here.

The all-advertising supplement will appear in the Eastern, Western and Southwestern editions of the "Journal," as well as in the "Asian Wall Street Journal" published in Hong Kong. The four editions have a combined readership of over one million people a day.

To build cement plant Japan lends Tunis \$ 39m

TOKYO, July 4 (AP) — Japan has agreed to lend \$39.7 million to Tunisia to build a cement plant. Monday the World Bank also announced that it had approved a \$28.5 million loan to Tunisia for a fisheries project.

The loan will finance investments in new port infrastructure and shore facilities to promote coastal fishing. "It will help increase the production of fish, making possible a significant increase in fishermen's incomes and creating employment opportunities for jobless and underemployed coastal region inhabitants," the announcement said.

The loan will be repayable over

Britain's reserves hit \$ 22b record

LONDON, July 4 (AP) — Britain's official reserves of gold and foreign currency rose by \$ 538 million in June as foreign money continued to pour into the country.

Total reserves at the end of June stood at \$ 22.07 billion, a record high for Britain's financial assets. The increase follows a rise of \$ 65 million in May, and was the seventh successive month posting an increase.

Treasury officials Tuesday pointed to two major factors: the strength of sterling and prevailing high interest rates. The Bank of England's minimum lending rate currently stands at 14 per cent.

Foreign investors are attracted to sterling because they regard it as a strong "petro-currency" thanks to the North Sea oil. Their note of confidence does not take into account the otherwise gloomy outlook for British industry, starved of adequate investment for years and plagued by labor troubles.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Jeddah	Supplying of tires for vehicles and heavy machinery	8	300	Aug. 12
" " "	Supplying of battery for vehicles and heavy machinery	9	300	Aug. 12
" " "	Supplying of sanitation equipment	10	300	" "
" " "	Supplying of plants, fertilizers and seeds	11	500	" "
Municipality of Al-Namas	Printed material, stationery and photographic equipment	1	100	July 21
" " "	Supplying of fuel and servicing of vehicles	2	100	" "
" " "	Supplying of furniture and office equipment	3	100	" "

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100 Dutch Florin	167.95
100 Swiss Francs	205.72
100 French Francs	79.50
100 Belgian Francs	11.66
1000 Italian Liras	4.13
100 Danish Kroner	84.48
100 Swedish Kroner	79.82
100 Norwegian Kroner	67.10
1000 Japanese Yen	15.05
100 Australian Schillings	25.66
1000 Spanish Pesetas	51.73
Canadian Dollars	2.94
Australian Dollars	3.82
Hong Kong Dollars	—
100 Singapore Dollars	156.68
100 Greece Drachms	9.70
Indonesian Rupees	—
Egyptian Pound - Parallel Market	4.82
Sudan Pound	6.85
Kuwait Dinars	12.27
Jordanian Dinars	11.22
Iraq Dinars	11.59
Bahrain Dinars	8.85
100 Lebanese Liras	104.95
100 Syria Liras	86.99
100 Qatar Riyals	90.47
100 Yemeni Riyals	74.39
1000 Iran Riyals	48.38
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IMF sells 440,000 gold ounces

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund said it sold 440,000 ounces of gold at an average price of \$ 281.52 an ounce at its monthly auction Tuesday, up from \$ 280.39 an ounce last month. Successful bids ranged from \$ 281.06 an ounce to \$ 281.87. Bids were received for a total of 1,518,800 ounces.

The auction raised \$ 105 million for the benefit of developing nations. This brings the total contributions to the fund from gold sales to \$ 2.73 billion.

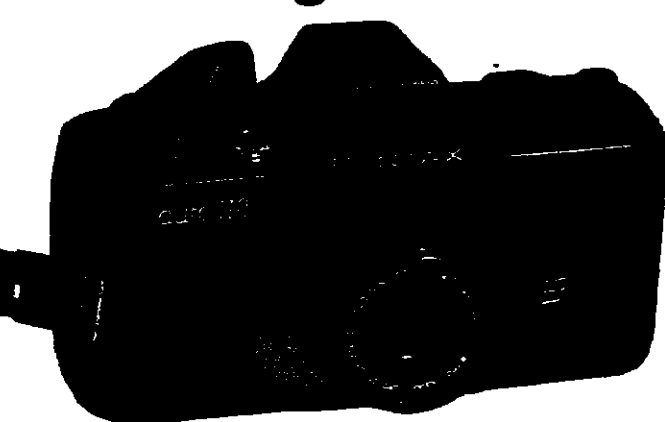
Five Swiss jailed for \$800m fraud

CHIASO, Switzerland, July 4 (R) — Two Swiss bank managers have been sentenced to four and a half years in prison here for a banking scandal which cost the Swiss bank Credit Suisse \$ 800 million. Ernst Kuhnmeier, former head of the bank's Chiaso branch, and Claudio Laffranchi, his deputy, were found guilty of embezzlement, dishonest management, falsification of documents, and violation of Swiss banking and foreign currency laws. Three lawyers were sentenced to 16 months imprisonment, suspended for five years, on the same charges excluding embezzlement. The defendants were ordered to pay damages to the bank.

S. Africa investment ban urged

NAIROBI, July 4 (AP) — Swedish Commerce Minister Hader Cars urged United Nations member states Monday to enact laws prohibiting their business communities from investing in South Africa. A blanket ban on all international loans and investments in South Africa, he said, would add new clout to the U.N. embargo against Pretoria, enacted as an international protest to the country's policy of racial segregation. "South Africa's capacity to make weapons depend on, and is enhanced by the inflow of foreign capital," he said. In a statement to the Kenya Press Club, Cars said all Swedish companies and their subsidiaries were prohibited from investing in South Africa with effect from Sunday. Swedish investments in the future will be diverted to frontline black African states, he said. Cars said Sweden would continue giving on-military support to the struggle for black majority rule in southern Africa.

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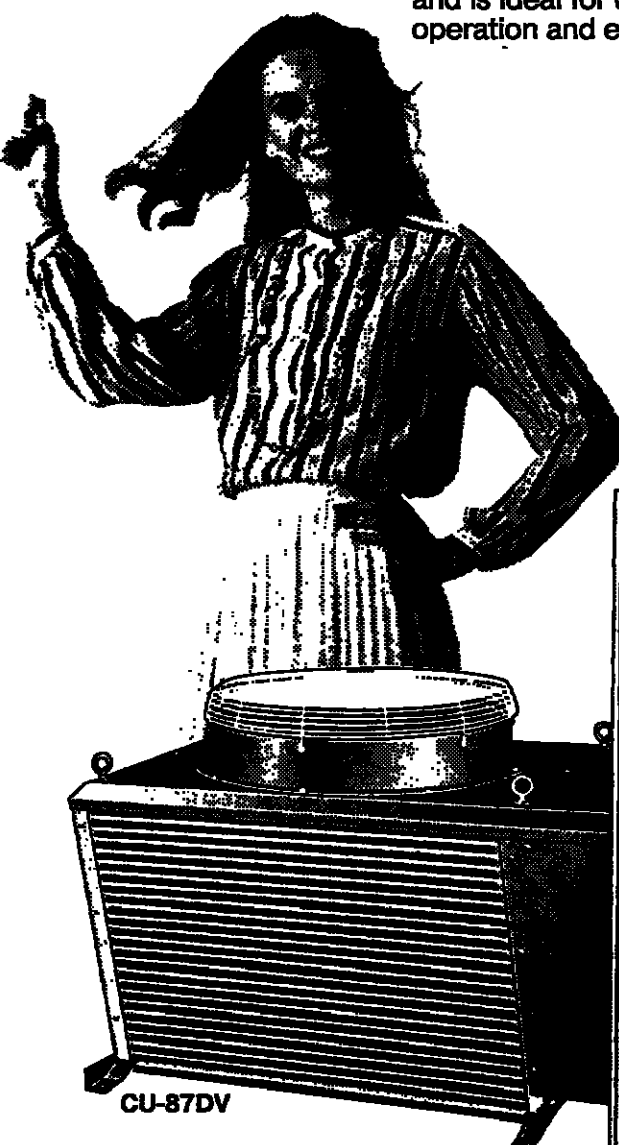
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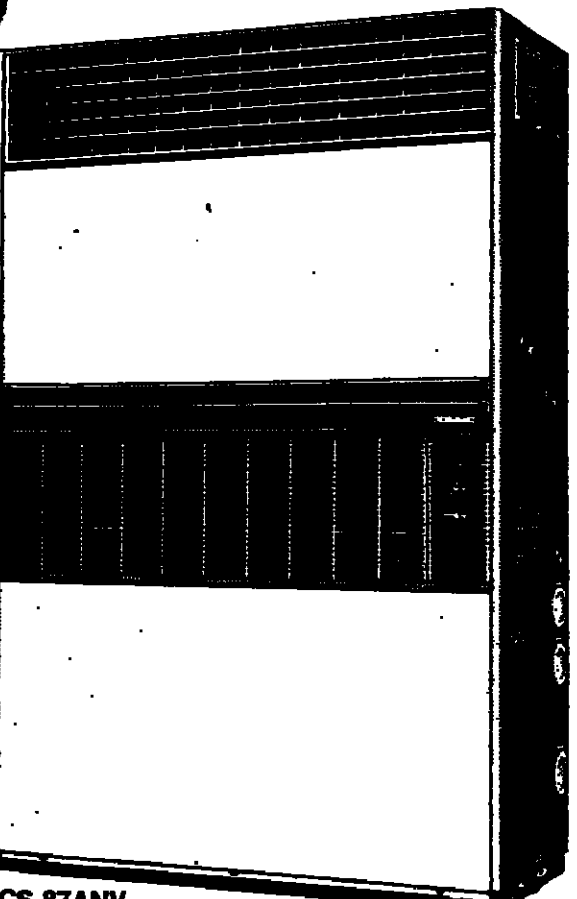
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Will Britain move on a new Middle East course?

By Michael Adams

LONDON —

Arabs often these days ask Englishmen whether the new British government of Margaret Thatcher is likely to pursue a more active Middle East policy than its predecessor. It is probably too early to say, but there are some encouraging signs that the new Conservative government will be less reluctant than the old Labor one under James Callaghan in taking a differing line from the Americans. Both Callaghan and Harold Wilson before him were so obsessed with the need to stay close in step with the United States that they identified themselves with policies which they did not always believe in. It is hoped those days are over.

But it would be foolish for any British government today to pretend to be able to strike out a strong line in foreign policy on its own. If Britain is to separate itself from American policy on any issue, it could only do so in close association with other nations which shared our views and with which we could present a degree of political influence comparable with that of the United States. It is not certain whether that is possible; if it is, it could only be done in concert with Britain's partners in the European Community.

Now the record of the European Community in the Middle East is not a convincing one. Individually, some of the nations of Western Europe have excellent relations with most of the Arab world. Collectively, they have disappointed the Arab world by their reluctance to adopt a clear stand towards the Arab-Israeli conflict and by the way they have tried to restrict the scope of the Euro-Arab dialogue to economic matters, leaving the thorny political aspects to one side. Partly, this attitude has stemmed from the failure of the Europeans so far to develop common attitudes and policies, or to achieve among themselves a degree of mutual trust which would enable them to cooperate more closely on the major political questions affecting them all.

But where the Euro-Arab dialogue is concerned, there are other factors at work as well. There is the legacy of the imperialist past, which has made it prudent for countries like Britain and France to maintain a low profile where the Arab world was concerned. And there is the complex of memories and emotions affecting Europe's relationship with Israel, which has enabled successive

Israeli governments to take advantage of Western sympathy in pursuing their own interests.

Much of this is changing, and changing fast. The European Community is finding its feet, and in the process it is becoming more critical of American leadership and more ready to dissociate itself from American policy. This is true of the Middle East, where the confusion of American policy is plainly aggravating the dangers facing Europe; and Europe's critical attitude has lately been strengthened by what Europeans see as America's selfish and reckless attitude in the face of the world energy crisis. At the same time, support for Israel has been eroded by Begin's policies towards the occupied territories and by the deliberate way in which he has made a mockery of the Camp David proposals for Palestinian "autonomy". Even those who originally supported the Camp David "framework for peace"

are now inclined to agree with those who denounced it from the start as no more than a trick to maintain Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

European impatience with Israel and, by implication, with the American approach to a Middle East peace settlement, found expression in the statement issued by the nine foreign ministers of the European Community on June 18. This strongly criticized "certain attitudes and declarations of the Israeli government," of which it singled out for special mention Israel's claim to eventual sovereignty over the occupied territories (which it said was "incompatible with resolution 242") and Israel's establishment of settlements in the occupied territories (which it said was "illegal in international law").

If Europe is indeed ready to follow a line of its own in the Middle East, independently of the United States (or designed to rescue the United States from the impasse in which it finds itself), is there anything the Europeans could do to set the search for peace back on a more constructive course? There may well be. The American course, based on the Camp David framework, has come to grief because it made no clear provision for the future of the occupied territories and because, in consequence, the Palestinians and the Arab governments apart from Egypt would have nothing to do with it. But merely to watch the predictable failure of the present autonomy talks between the Egyptians and the Israelis will achieve nothing. What is needed is an alternative proposal which offers some promise of progress towards the proper objective of a comprehensive settlement — one, above all, which rescues the Palestinians in the

U.S. military hopes backfire from SALT is a new bomber

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON —

U.S. Air Force leaders are hoping to use the SALT II agreement to create a political backfire within the administration in support of an American version of the controversial Soviet "Backfire" bomber.

Although the White House and Defense Secretary Harold Brown are taking a neutral public position on the hotly lobbied proposal to turn the F-111 into an intercontinental bomber, it is being strongly pushed by the Strategic Air Command and its allies in Congress.

The SAC plan would give the fighter-bomber, originally conceived in the early 1960s as the TFX, a strategic capability to reach the Soviet Union from American soil.

Taking advantage, however, of the SALT loophole created for the Soviet "Backfire," it would not be counted as a strategic weapon subject to the treaty's weapons limitations.

In closed Senate testimony given earlier this year and released last week, Gen. Richard Ellis, SAC commander, declared the modified FB-111B "would effectively offset the omission of the Backfire from SALT II."

SALT II opponents want the treaty changed to require the Backfire to be included as a strategic weapon since, they argue, it could reach some portions of the United States from Russia.

At Vienna, after a heated exchange, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev gave his oral assurance that only 30 Backfire per year would be built. In a written statement, Brezhnev said Backfire was "a medium-range bomber" that would not be given "the capability of operating at intercontinental distances."

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, until the treaty signing, insisted Backfire be covered by the agreement.

The SAC proposal may be introduced in the Senate as an amendment to the fiscal 1980 defense authorization bill, according to aides of Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, who supports the plan and has indicated his opposition to the SALT II agreements.

The SAC proposal creates a potential dilemma for the president.

If he turns down the idea, he would seem to be backing away from a statement made before the Vienna summit that the United States, in allowing the Soviets to keep Backfire out of SALT II,

retained the right to build for itself a comparable bomber.

On the other hand, if he approves the new program, liberal critics will say he is buying a new, unneeded system to gather Senate votes for the SALT treaty.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown said, "I still need a lot of convincing," when asked if he would support the FB-111B modification program.

SAC commander Ellis told the Senate committee that the first modified FB-111Bs could be ready 29 months after the program began. It would take just over three years to have 30 bombers ready for service.

The quick upgrading of the F-111 is needed, according to Ellis, to generate a larger retaliatory force in the early 1980s, when, according to the administration's estimates, U.S. land-based ICBMs theoretically would be vulnerable to a Soviet first-strike attack.

"For a fairly reasonable investment," Ellis said, "these modified F-111 aircraft would give our force more range, more mass, and greater damage potential by adding the capability to deliver (deleted) more warheads on target."

The SAC proposal was presented to the Pentagon earlier this year for inclusion in the fiscal 1981 budget, which is in the early stages of preparation.

The proposal contemplates modifying 89 of the Tactical Air Command's F-111D fighter bombers and 66 FB-111As that belong to the Strategic Air Command.

Were the U.S. to go ahead with the FB-111B program, it could create for the Soviets more of a military threat than the Backfire poses to the United States.

Backfire, as now constructed, has no refueling capabilities. Therefore, any mission to the United States would permit it to return to its home base. In addition, the Soviets currently are keeping Backfires at airfields that place them out of U.S. range.

In addition, half the Backfires now produced are configured for anti-ship fighting and are turned over to the Soviet Navy air arm.

The other half, according to the Soviets, are used to provide air support for Warsaw Pact forces in Europe.

The proposed FB-111B, on the other hand, could be refueled and thus could reach anywhere in the Soviet Union and still return to the United States. — (WP)

ARAB SUMMIT

Arab reaction to danger and threats of war must be one of the more complex puzzles to any observer of Middle East politics and a source of near despair to the Arab people.

It is an unfortunate fact of Arab politics that actions are invariably too little and too late to have any meaningful effect on the course of events in the region. With few exceptions, Arab governments are usually content with accepting "realities" created by forces outside the region. The eleventh hour scramble that has characterized Arab reaction to issues affecting their security and territorial integrity, has consistently fallen short of warding off the resulting damage.

The latest manifestation of such an attitude is the ongoing debate on holding a new Arab summit conference "to draw up a strategy for action and to close Arab ranks," when Israel and Syria are on the verge of a new war that could draw in the rest of the countries in the region. Israel has explicitly stated that it will continue with its policy of attacking Lebanese and Palestinian targets and that it expected new clashes with the Syrian air force. In his endorsement of a new Arab summit, Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah rightly warned that a new war with Israel would be "a total Arab war" and would not be confined to frontline states. But this is a fact realized by all the Arabs, and has been repeatedly driven home in previous confrontations. Why is it that the Arabs have to lose men and territory before they act? We are not advocating a war policy, but Arabs must have an overall defense strategy that would make an Israeli attack on any Arab country an expensive adventure. Such a plan is long overdue and the opportunity to create one was missed by the last two conferences of Arab heads of state and foreign ministers in Baghdad, after it became clear that Egypt was opting out. While the meetings gave the need for Arab unity and defense coordination the usual dose of lip-service, they failed to initiate any concrete actions that would make Arab countries less vulnerable to Israel's expansionist whims.

If a new Arab summit is to become a theater for bilateral squabbles, or to repeat known positions on the need for unity and coordination, then there is little justification in holding such a meeting, because the Arabs need no reminders. Every Arab country, in its own way, has been affected by the ongoing Middle East conflict and has paid dearly. On the other hand, if there is a genuine Arab interest in going beyond the traditional statements of sympathy or recrimination, to draw up a collective economic, political and defense strategy, a summit becomes imperative.

saudi press review

The call for an Arab summit by the Kuwaiti prime minister was played up by several newspapers Wednesday. Others highlighted Japanese-Western reaction to the Kingdom's decision to raise the level of oil production.

Also newspapers reported Muslim efforts for the liberation of Jerusalem.

Commenting on the Kuwaiti proposal to hold an Arab summit Al-Jazirah said that while it appreciated the Kuwaiti premier's stated reasons for it, there were other crucial grounds for a conference at this level:

"Israel is intensifying its repression on the Palestinians in the occupied lands to force them to participate in the specious self-government plan because of its announced intention to go ahead with it regardless of Palestinian and Jordanian rejection."

"Israel is planning a large scale attack on southern Lebanon to liquidate the Palestinians and to lure Syria into a war at a time of its own choosing while the Arab ranks are still broken."

"Later on Israel will turn on

test them against the Arabs and the U.S. knows full well that only the Arabs will be the guinea pigs for them. These are only examples of the deliberate mistakes that the U.S. makes and they are not going to be the last."

Al-Riyadh said, "Unlike the Arabs who prefer to store their weapons in showcases as pieces of interior decoration, Israel uses its weapons at all times."

"Israel claims self-defense but against whom? The Palestinians who possess only rifles and light machine guns which can hardly be described as the answer to the weapons and warplanes that Washington is giving Israel? Or is it self-defense against southern Lebanon which Israel has already depopulated?"

"We may understand that America plays political games for various reasons, but we cannot believe that it cannot force the Israelis to give up their intended devastation of Lebanon. This will be hard to take even by some of

the leading American politicians who have fallen into the Zionist swamp," Al-Riyadh concluded.

In an editorial on the meetings of the Jerusalem committee under King Hassan of Morocco, Al-Medina expressed the hope that the committee would be the spearhead of Muslim endeavors to regain the holy city. "Every Muslim is eager to do his duty towards the holy city," the newspaper said.

"This is especially so after they have persuaded themselves that diplomatic activity they have persuaded themselves that diplomatic activity and political wranglings have failed miserably to dislodge the occupying forces."

Writing on the Saudi proposed bus company a commentator in Al-Medina said that buses in many European countries like Switzerland, Italy and France operate without conductors. Passengers ride the bus and pay their fare into a machine thereby eliminating the

need for a conductor. "But our bus company has been advertising for conductors at SR 3000 a month per shift and inspectors to check on the conductors. This would mean two conductors per day and more inspectors already making the operation of one bus a prohibitively expensive affair which might soon bring the whole project grinding to a halt unless the government continues to subsidize it heavily. Are the people in Europe more honest than those who live here, Syria, Lebanon or Egypt?" the writer asked.

Commenting on the government decision to increase oil production Al-Bilad said, this shows that we have not only our interests at heart but those of the rest of the world. This has been standard Saudi policy over the years, earning us the respect and admiration of others and giving Saudi Arabia a distinguished place in the contemporary world."



Don't let anyone know you saw my daughter before the wedding. (Al Jazirah)

The modest Englishman who died fighting with the army of Abdul Aziz

By F. W. Rowling

JEDDAH — At the signing of the treaty between Abdul Aziz and the British government in Jeddah, in 1927, whereby the absolute independence of the amir's territories was recognised, Clayton, the British plenipotentiary, asked the amir if he would name the best of the Europeans he had so far met in his life. Abdul Aziz immediately replied: "Captain Shakespeare."

To have made such a profound impact on one of the greatest Arabs in history shows at least that Shakespeare must have been an exceptional man. Yet in the long story of English interest in Arabia he is one of the least known figures. This is almost certainly because among all the flamboyant self-advertising, eccentric and literary Englishmen who followed fame into the desert, Shakespeare was the most modest.

William H. Shakespeare started typically enough, a member of a distinguished family with a long record of service in India. After education at Britain's Royal Military Academy he went to India in 1898, as a second lieutenant. He quickly made a name for himself as a linguist and within two years had mastered Urdu and Pushtu. He had also shown considerable ability as a staff officer in charge of plague prevention in Bombay.

In 1902, he passed the army's higher Arabic examination and applied to join the political department. This was the best avenue for advancing a career in Indian service. So we see Shakespeare, before he was 25, as a capable, intelligent and ambitious young man whose excellent record had already been noticed by the highest officials in India.

In 1904, the youngest consul in the administration, he was posted as assistant to Percy Cox, British resident at Bandar Abbas. In 1906, he was appointed British representative in Muscat.

Back in India in 1907 and overdue for home leave, he bought a car, had it shipped to Bushire and from there started off on a pioneering road journey of 4,000 miles to England. This was to be the source of an ambition to make a journey of exploration across the wastes of Central Arabia.

In 1908, he returned to the

Gulf, to duty at Bushire. After this he went to the court of Sheikh Mubarak of Kuwait as British resident.

The two men started by disagreeing violently on almost every point of view, but out of early anger emerged a relationship of absolute trust and great friendship. It was through Sheikh Mubarak that Shakespeare met Abdul Aziz.

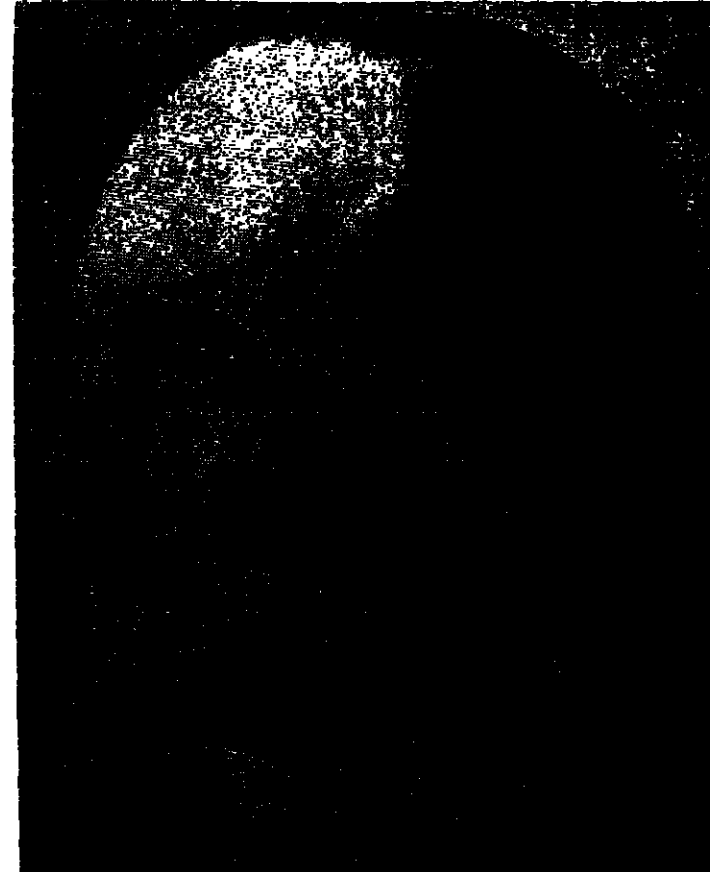
In Kuwait Shakespeare traveled among the tribes, took up falconry and acquired a pack of hunting dogs. He could often be seen riding out, always dressed in smart military uniform, with a splendid retinue of followers, his falcon perched on his gauntleted wrist. He could ride, hunt and shoot as well as anyone.

He remained uncompromisingly British, however, about his food and drink. When he first entertained the Amir Abdul Aziz on his visit to Kuwait in 1910, he offered his Arab guests an English dinner of roast lamb, potatoes and mint sauce. The amir and Shakespeare got on very well from the beginning and Abdul Aziz invited him to visit Riyadh.

Before this visit could take place, however, the amir was frequently absent on campaign and Shakespeare on his own journeys of discovery in Eastern Arabia. His reports were notable for the scientific accuracy of his observations. He did meet the amir from time to time though in camp, when their paths crossed, and the friendship and trust between them grew. Shakespeare had by this time become a fluent Arabist and he had completely won the respect of the Bedouin. He was also an excellent photographer.

By 1914, Shakespeare was again due for home leave and he decided to combine a visit to Riyadh with a complete crossing of Arabia and make his way home by way of Cairo. During that journey, in which he sometimes followed in the trails of Sadleir, Palgrave and Pelly, he was able to correct some of their observations and fill blank spaces in the map.

In Riyadh he spent hours in conversation with the amir, who made it clear that he thought only Shakespeare could bring about the alliance between the house of Al Saud and the British Government which the amir so earnestly desired.



William Shakespeare: an English name not easy to add glory to

Leaving Riyadh with three experienced guides supplied by Abdul Aziz, Shakespeare continued his journey using instruments to make accurate notes of each day's changing landscape, through Qasim and onward, passing Nafud, Tubaik and Wadi Iran to Kontilla near the canal. The journey of 1,800 miles, of which two-thirds was mapped and recorded for the first time by Shakespeare, was never to appear fully in print. His notebooks, though, were used by the British War Office to produce accurate maps of the whole region through which he passed.

By 1915 Shakespeare was back again in Arabia at the side of Abdul Aziz. Now he found himself in conflict with his own government's ineffective handling of relations with the amir. Abdul Aziz was deeply involved in his campaigns to unite Arabia and to secure its complete independence, and he urgently wanted unequivocal British support against the Rashid allies of Turkey.

After conferring together on

the eve of a crucial battle between the Saudi forces and the Rashid, the amir advised Shakespeare to leave before shots were fired. This he refused to do. During the ensuing battle Shakespeare, taking up an exposed position, acted as observer for the only gunner in the Saudi army, who was laying his cannon onto the advancing enemy. Shakespeare was cut down in the attack.

Abdul Aziz wrote to Percy Cox in February 1915 reporting the death of "our beloved friend." Had Shakespeare survived, it is possible that he and not Lawrence would have been the chief influence in British-Arabian policy during the 1914-18 war. In that event, the cause of Abdul Aziz would have been forwarded instead of that of Sherif Hussein. The long term effects of his early death, at the age of 36, must therefore be seen as significant in the historical evolution of the region.

An obituary of Shakespeare included the following tribute: "He bore an English name not easy to add glory to, yet he succeeded."

Rare photograph, probably taken by Captain Shakespeare, of Abdul Aziz's army on the march



Abdul Aziz with camp followers

Shakespeare in Lancers uniform

The amir advised Shakespeare to leave before shots were fired

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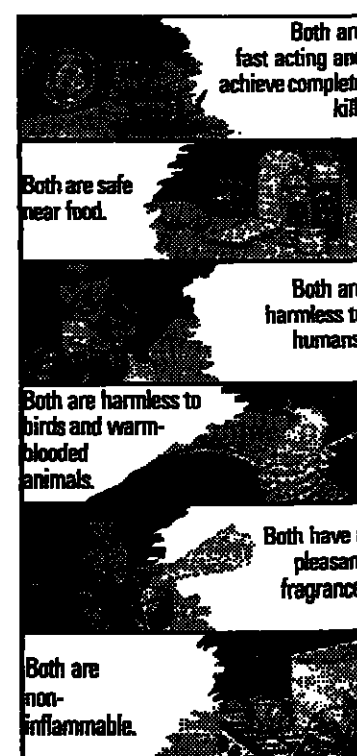
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In quarter-final

Wimbledon giants ascendant again

LONDON, July 4 (R) — The day of the underdog ended as three of the top five seeds, including title-holder Bjorn Borg of Sweden, won through to the men's semi-final at Wimbledon Tuesday.

The first week has seen seeds scattered with such abandon that there were only four of the original 16 surviving at the weekend. But after the field was whittled down to four Tuesday, Pat Dupre, the Belgian-born American, was left carrying the banner of the unseeded players on his own.

Top-seeded Borg, 23, the winner here for the last three years, played irresistible tennis in his quarter-final to rout Dutchman Tom Okker 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 in little over an hour. He will now face his arch rival Jimmy Connors, the American third seed, who disposed of unseeded Texan Bill Scanlon 6-3 4-6 7-6 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Roscoe Tanner of

the United States and Dupre will clash in the second of Thursday's semi-finals. Tanner won his quarter-final 6-1, 6-4, 6-7 against Tim Gullikson, the 15th seed, while Dupre beat another unseeded player, Italy's Adriano Panatta, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 in a three-and-a-half-hour marathon.

Borg against Connors will be a repeat of the last two finals here, both of which the Swede won, and it is generally regarded as the match that will decide the championships.

On the evidence of Tuesday's form, Borg should win. He was quite ruthless in overwhelming the unseeded Okker.

Not unreasonably, Borg said later that he thought he was playing very well.

Of his semi-final on Thursday, he commented "I always believe in trying to win, but against Connors I know I have to play really

well. There is no way that I can play a little bit below by best and win against him."

Connors, as he has done throughout the championships, kept his own counsel after beating Scanlon and spoke to no-one. Scanlon, though, had much to say about Thursday's match.

"Borg will do the same things that I was doing today, but he won't make the same mistakes," he said. "If Borg has the same

chances that came my way, he will take Jimmy out in three sets. I just didn't have a chance."

Scanlon's lack of maturity told most in the third set, when he led 5-2 but captured only two points in the next three games and eventually lost the set in a tie-breaker.

"I don't feel he beat me in that set," he said. "It was my errors rather than his great shots that made the difference."

MCC saves match after beating by Bedi

LONDON, July 4 (AP) — India's gifted left-arm spinner, Bishan Bedi, revived a dying match Tuesday at Lords when he took three wickets in two overs, forcing the MCC to defend desperately during the last hour.

John Emburey and Chris Tavaré held enough to save the match. But Emburey and then John Lever fell in quick succession.

Willie Hogg had to limp in for the last two balls, and though he was dropped off the last ball, MCC was safe. Mike Brearley was padded up but did not have to come in, after gashing his nose Monday.

MCC had been set 264 in 155 minutes and, though making the token gesture of shuffling their batting order in an attempt to take their virtually impossible target, they played without conviction.

The new ball pair slipped out the openers. Gatting was run out, and when Bedi struck MCC tumbled from 73 for three to 76 for six.

In the first half of the day the Indians batted without urgency. Practice rather than setting a target seemed to be their primary aim and Amarnath and Sharma confirmed their good form of the tour.

The match ended in confusion as India thought they were entitled to another over to try and get MCC's two remaining wickets. But afterwards captain Venkat said he accepted his side was not denied a chance of victory.

"The umpires had not singled the last 20 overs until five past five, but obviously the game finishes at 6 if we have bowled our overs," he said.

U.S. marksman shoots to win Puerto Rico gold

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 4 (R) — American marksman Lones Wigger, a lieutenant-colonel in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, equalled a world rifle-shooting record here Tuesday as the American squad grabbed five more medals in the PanAmerican Games shooting competition.

Wigger scored 599 out of a possible 600 in the English match event, for marksmen using highly sophisticated rifles firing 60 shots at a small target 50 meters away, to take the individual gold and lead the American squad to the team title.

Earlier in the day, the American shooting team had taken the team gold for skeet, to add to the team gold won in the air rifle event Monday.

Then the Americans swept both gold and silver medals in the individual air pistol event.

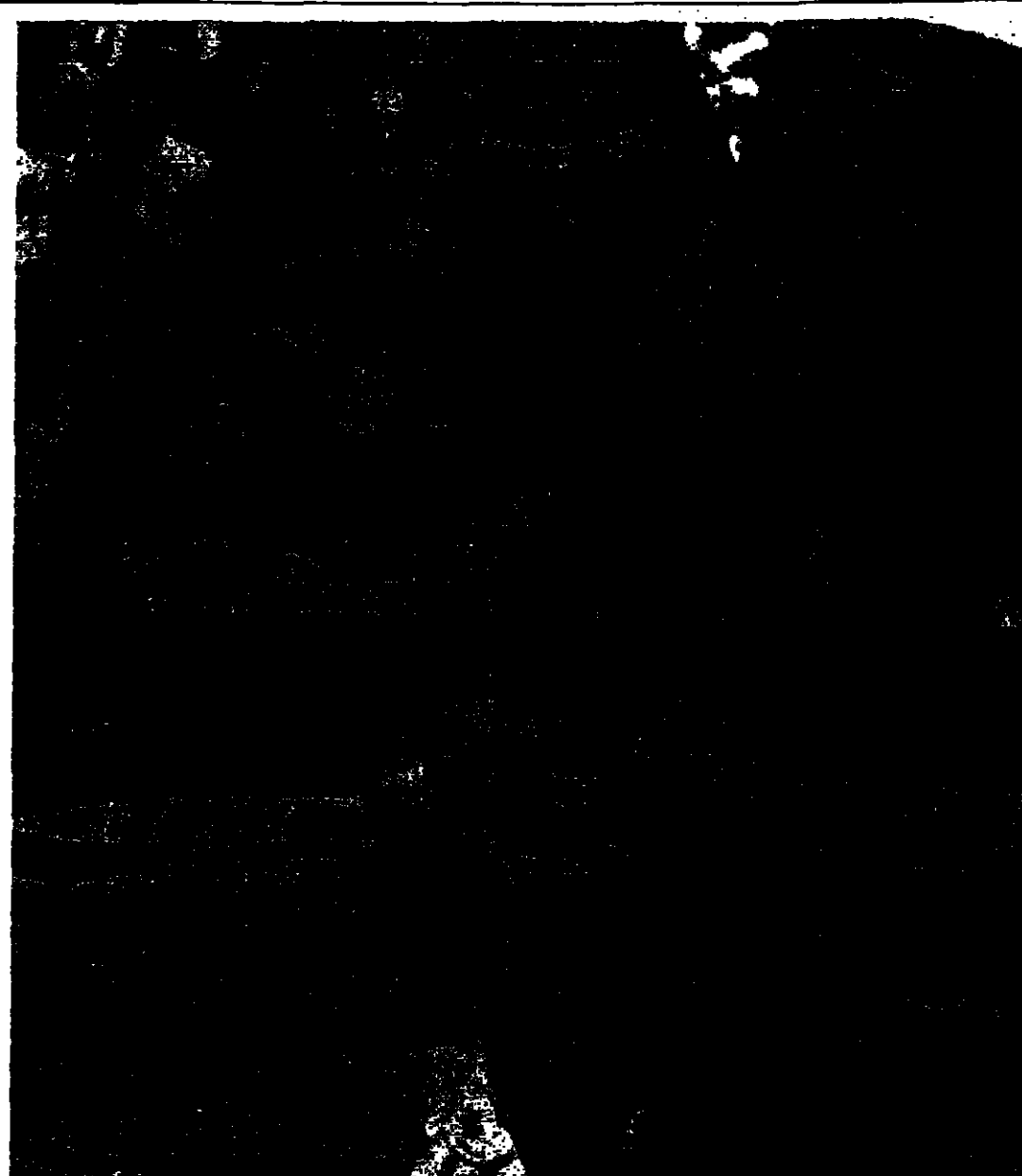
Wigger, 41, from Great Falls, Montana, has been shooting competitively for the last 15 years. He won an Olympic gold in Munich. Five more swimming records were set in early competition.

The all-conquering American swimmers, who took five golds and set many records Monday, cracked three more games marks in the qualifying heats.

But their main rivals, Canada, gave notice of a stiffer challenge with two records of their own in the men's 400 meters individual medley and the 400 meter men's freestyle relay.

Bill Sanchuk set a record of 4:33.97 in the men's 400 meters individual medley and the Canadians blasted home in the freestyle relay in 3:29.86.

American Linda Jezek, who took a gold in the medley relay Monday night, cracked the women's 100 meters backstroke record with a time of 1:04.53.



RETURN: Bjorn Borg beat Tom Okker in straight sets in the Wimbledon quarterfinal Tuesday.

Jenkins triumphs pitching

Rangers batter Baltimore 4-0

NEW YORK, July 4 (AP) — Ferguson Jenkins, who has never pitched a too-mitt in his 15 seasons in the Major Leagues, allowed Baltimore only one hit — John Lowenstein's fifth-inning single — as the Texas Rangers blanked the Orioles 4-0 Tuesday night.

Jim Sundberg doubled in two runs for Texas in the second, and doubles by Oscar Gamble and Buddy Bell brought in two more runs in the third, all off Baltimore starter Steve Stone, 6-6.

Bob Watson belted a pair of home runs, his fourth and fifth since he joined the Red Sox June 15, powering Boston to an 10-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals behind the five-hit pitching of Steve Renko.

Leon Roberts and Bob Stinson blasted home runs, powering Seattle to a 10-2 victory over Minnesota and giving the Mariners a split of their doubleheader. In the opener, Pete Redfern hurled 61-3 innings of effective relief and Minnesota raked three Seattle pitchers for 18 hits as the Twins defeated the Mariners 12-2.

Cliff Johnson powered a first-inning grand slam home run and added a run-scoring single to ignite the Cleveland Indians to a 7-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Rick Wise, 8-5, gave up seven hits and three runs in seven innings while Sid Monge picked up his eighth save with two innings of hitless relief.

Designated hitter Roy Howell drove in six runs with a grand slam home and two singles as the Toronto Blue Jays coasted to a 9-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Bill Buckner's tie-breaking bases-loaded single with two out in the Ninth inning gave the Chicago Cubs a 3-2 victory over the first-place Montreal Expos.

Bob Horner drove in three runs with a homer and a sacrifice fly, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 5-2 triumph over the San Francisco Giants. The victory was the Braves' fourth straight and their ninth in 12 games. Gene Garber relieved in the ninth and picked up his 16th save, top in the national league.

Bake McBride's two-out, two-run seventh-inning home run snapped a tie and carried the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-2 victory over the New York Mets.

Dave Parker tied his 14th home run and later unlocked a tie with an RBI double, powering the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 4-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

5,000 meter mark stands as Soviet challenge fails

STOCKHOLM, July 4 (R) — Valeri Abramov of the Soviet Union won a 5,000 meter race here Tuesday night in which chilly weather and a wet track spoiled hopes of a world record-challenging performance.

Abramov came home in 13 minutes 19.18 seconds, well outside Kenyan Henry Rono's world mark of 13:08.4. He was followed in second place by the fast-finishing Thomas Wessinghage of West Germany, who clocked 13:19.87.

Third in 13:20.20 was Tanzanian Suleiman Nyambui, who cut

Jacobs snatches Tour stage

SAINT BRIEUC, France, July 4 (R) — Jos Jacobs of Belgium sprinted ahead of Frenchman Bernard Hinault to win the sixth stage of the Tour de France cycle race here.

Born 25 years ago near this Brittany town, Hinault was hoping to triumph Tuesday in front of his people. But the 26-year-old Belgian managed to take the lead in the last bend and to stay here up to the finishing line.

Hinault edged out into third place Monday's winner, Jan Raas of the Netherlands. The nearly full pack finished on their heels in the same time.

For Jacobs, this is the first great victory in his professional career. His sole noted win before had been a stage of the Tour of Switzerland earlier this year.

As thousands of people were jostling to get a glimpse of their hero, Hinault told reporters he was not too disappointed by his second place.

"It's not so bad after all. There were so many riders who wanted to prevent me from winning in my home town."

The Frenchman retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

He even increased his lead over second-placed Joop Zoetemelk of the Netherlands by 12 seconds, thanks to wins in intermediate sprints along the 242.5 kilometers of ride between Angers and Saint Brieuc.

Zoetemelk is 24 seconds behind the Frenchman. But he should regain lost ground in Thursday's eighth stage, a 90.2 kilometer team time trial.

Hinault's team has showed itself weaker than that of the Dutchman in this exercise and Hinault said he expected Zoetemelk to take over the yellow jersey then.

The main victim of this otherwise uneventful sixth stage was Joaquim Agostinho of Portugal, who fell heavily a few kilometers from home.

The Portuguese, who was fourth overnight in the overall placings, managed to climb onto his bicycle and to finish. But he crossed the line 52 seconds after the winner, and he has now a two minutes 28 seconds deficit against the leader.

The seventh stage will take the riders from Saint Hilaire du Harcouet to Deauville on 161.1 kilometers of flat roads.

out a good deal of the early running.

Ed Moses of the United States won the 400 meters hurdles in 45.51 seconds, more than two seconds adrift of his own world record of 47.45.

Four other Americans scored victories. Evans White won the 800 meter in 1:46.972. James Sanford took the 100 meters in 10.39. Mac Wilkins tossed the discus a winning 66.16 meters and Steve Scott won the mile in 3:55.96, just ahead of Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, who clocked 3:56.24.

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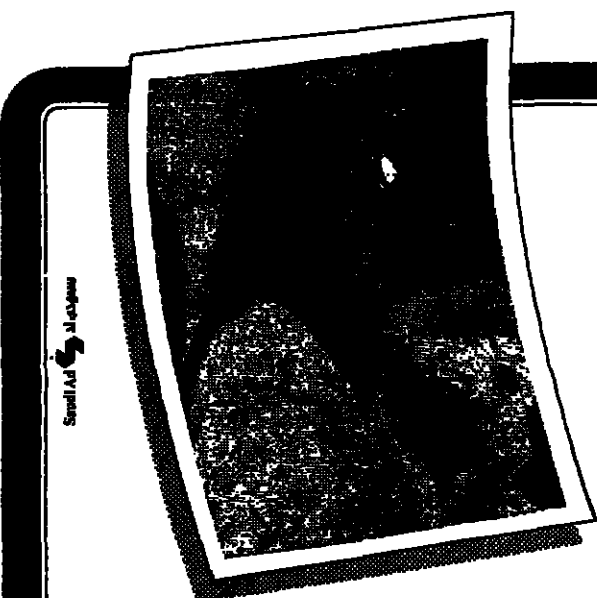
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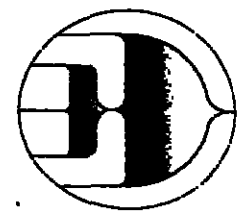
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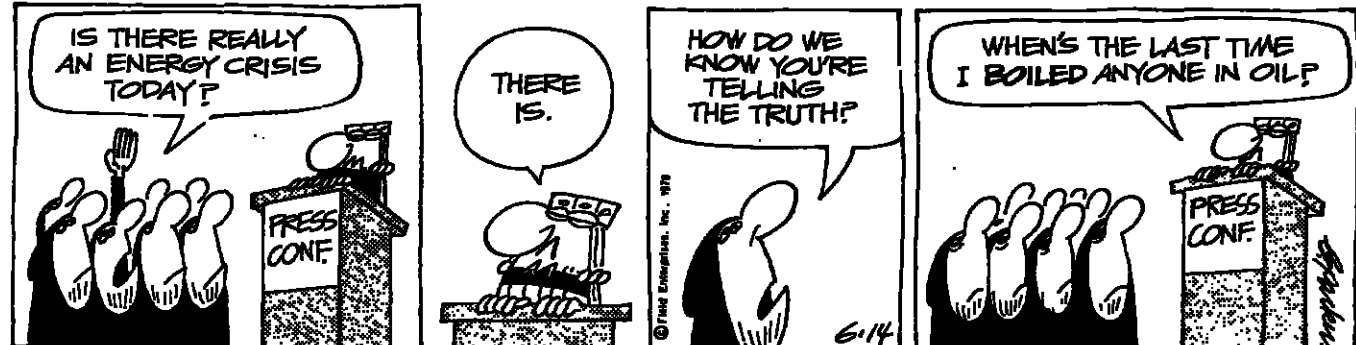
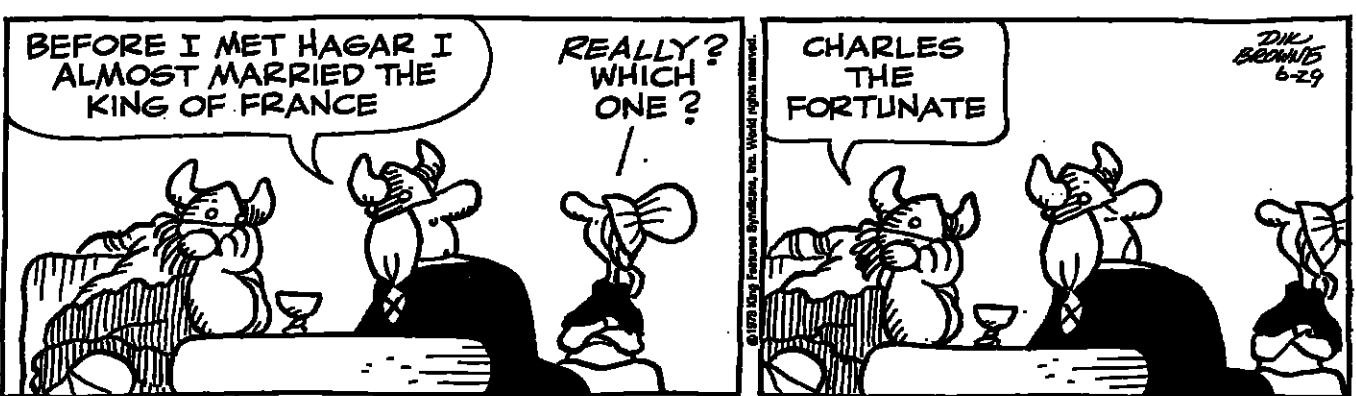
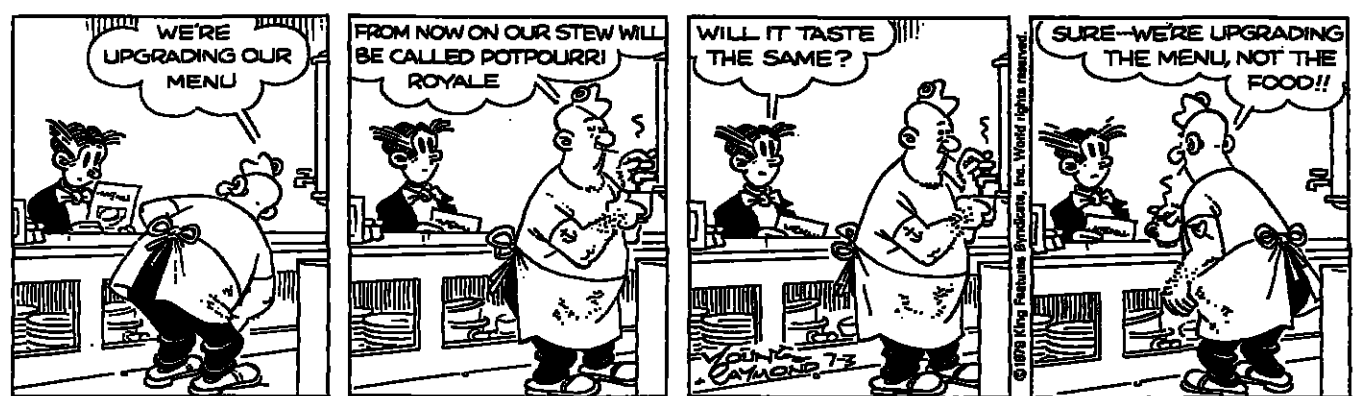
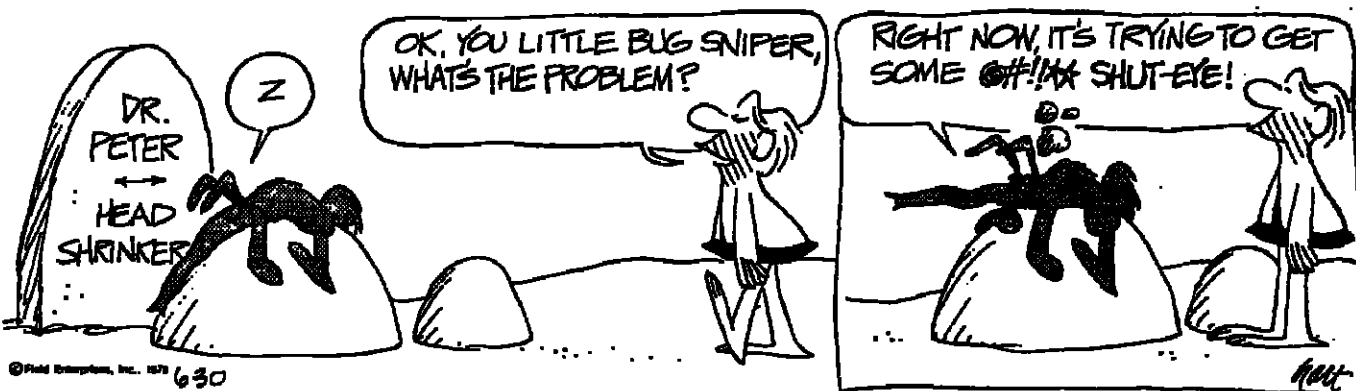
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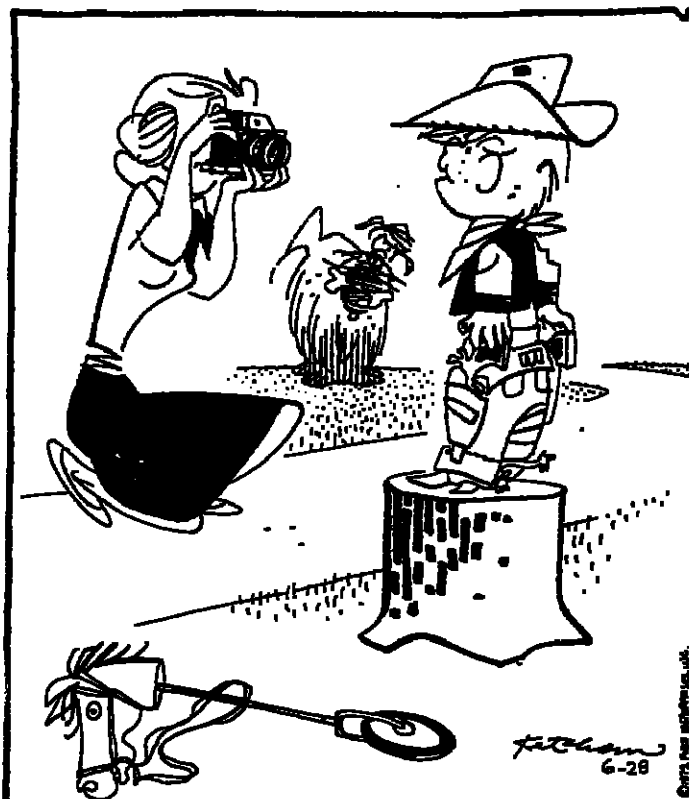
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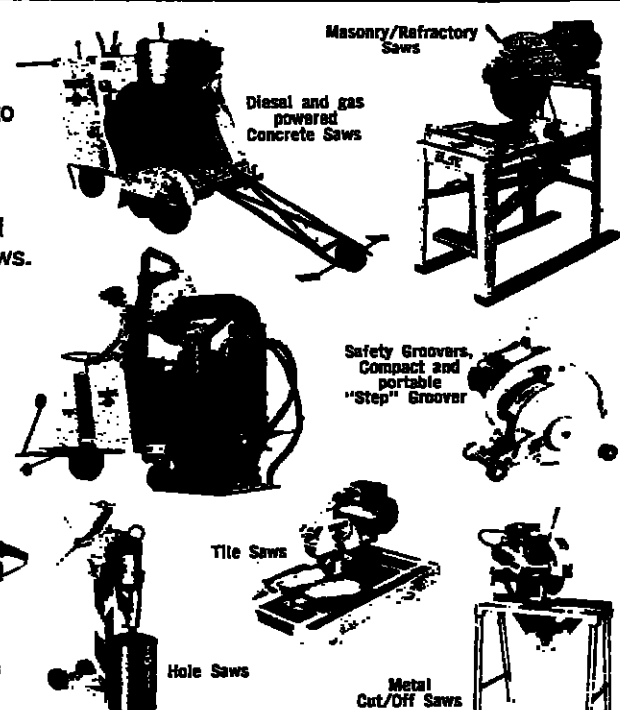
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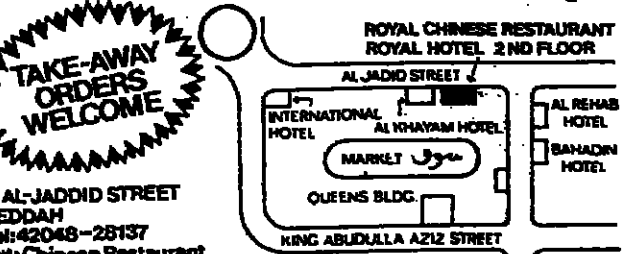
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Indians flee spaceship

Skylab's coming provokes fear, concern

By the Associated Press

As the world waits for Skylab to fall, panic has struck parts of India, the president of the Philippines has taken to nationwide television to urge calm and the Swiss are looking to their church bells as an Alpine early warning system.

In the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday, officials issued a statement saying there was no cause for alarm.

But the United News of India reported some families leaving home or sending children away anyway — for destinations believed safer from the U.S. space station's debris. How they calculated that was not explained.

In South Africa, the "Rand Daily Mail" took note in an editorial of the slim chance which American officials give Skylab of hitting anything important. But it also observed grimly that if anyone is killed, it will severely tarnish the American space program's good name.

"Someone should have foreseen this potential disaster before they sent the darned thing up," the newspaper said. The editorial was titled: "look before you leap."

In Buenos Aires, a column in the newspaper "La Opinion" deplored the lack of public concern there, suggested it was due to a glut of disaster movies and too much faith in modern technology — and told readers which was the deepest subway station, if they want to hide.

On Tuesday, Skylab dropped eight miles closer to earth, orbiting at 137 miles as it began what may be its last week of existence. The 77-ton spacecraft is expected to crash between July 10 and July 14.

There is a 50 per cent chance



"The Skylab is falling... the Skylab is falling"

the spaceship will crash by July 12, the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Wednesday. There also is a 50 per cent chance it will crash after July 12.

Australia was not immune from Skylab jitters either. Hundreds of people in Sydney grew anxious

in Austria, and in Switzerland. But the Swiss were preparing nonetheless.

For Skylab's final hours, the Swiss will keep civil protection services on alert and are asking radio stations to remain on the air with reports around the clock. If there is any indication in the final hours that Skylab might, indeed, crash in Switzerland, the nation's churches will be asked to alert the population by tolling all bells.

In the Philippines, fear has been so bad that President Ferdinand Marcos went on national television and radio Saturday to allay it.

A Manila newspaper had quoted an amateur astronomer as giving Skylab one chance in 200 of hitting the Philippines. Some local soothsayers gave that possibility a better-than-even chance, compounding the anxiety.

Marcos told his people there was no cause for alarm — that American officials assured him if Skylab seemed about to descend over a populated area, they could control it long enough to move it.

Actually, American officials have repeatedly offered several assurances that the chances of disaster are slim. They say:

The odds that Skylab debris will kill anyone are only one in 152. Most of the time Skylab's path will be over ocean, increasing the chances that debris will fall harmlessly into the sea.

If Skylab appears likely to fall on densely populated countries its course might be manipulated a bit to aim it over less populated areas, even if that means toward the United States.

Still, the officials concede that nobody knows exactly when the 77.5-ton space station will reenter the atmosphere and break up, or just what parts of Earth would fall under its shower of debris.

Separated May 29

Twins doing better, but ordeal still not over

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 4 (AP) — Separated Siamese twins Lisa and Elisa Hansen wear little bonnets covered with ducks and seals in a family photograph made to show they are no longer "sickly little girls."

The twins sat with their parents, David and Patricia Hansen, and their little sister, 2-month-old

Shaylyn, for the portrait, which was released Tuesday.

The 20-month-old girls, joined at the tops of their heads until separated surgically May 29, remain in satisfactory condition. But doctors warn the tops of their heads are vulnerable.

"They had the picture taken because the parents felt that they

wanted to let everyone know they looked like little girls now instead of sickly little girls with oxygen masks on," said University of Utah Medical Center spokesman John Dwan.

Photographs released of the girls after surgery showed them in cribs with bandages on their heads.

Dwan said Lisa and Elisa are in the hospital's intensive care unit "simply because they need to be watched carefully because the tops of their heads are still vulner-

able.

"The doctors still say serious complications could develop. They are doing as well as anyone could hope for but we still have to keep our fingers crossed," he said.

Dwan said the twins were fitted with "mini helmets" to protect their heads.

He said plans to send the girls home for the first time since the 16½-hour operation were still being discussed. "The doctors are extremely conservative — extremely cautious," he said.

Rebels tightening Managua noose as rumors have Somoza out soon

MANAGUA, July 4 (AP) — The Sandinista guerrillas reported heavy fighting around Rivas, the southern town they have picked for their provisional capital, and tightened their noose around Managua, President Anastasio Somoza's capital, after gaining control of 23 other cities.

Rumors ran through Managua late Tuesday that Somoza would

leave the country by Saturday. The National Guard's warplanes still took off from the international airport northeast of Managua to bomb the rebel-held cities, but the air force was reduced to less than a dozen fighters, transports and helicopters.

A government source conceded the rebel circle around Managua was completed Sunday night when

the guerrillas overran the National Guard garrison at Matagalpa, 88 kilometers north of the capital.

Hundreds of well-armed guerrillas were reported entrenched in each of the rebel-held cities, far outnumbering government troops who held the towns previously and were still besieged in their barracks in some of them.

A rebel communique issued in

San Jose, Costa Rica, said the guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation front were battling in the streets of Rivas to dislodge the guard from strongly entrenched positions in the town 40 kilometers north of the Costa Rican border and 96 kilometers southeast of Managua.

The rebels' radio Sandine reported earlier Tuesday that "Commandante Erzquiel" and his men had captured Rivas. But the later report in San Jose said the town was still contested and its fall was "a matter of hours."

National Guard reinforcements were reported flown into the area from Managua.

The Sandinistas announced several weeks ago that after they captured Rivas, they would proclaim it Nicaragua's provisional capital and install there the five-member junta they have named as the country's provisional government.

The leader of the insurgents in Matagalpa identified himself as Commandante Camino, let the reporters talk with 26 prisoners. Some of them admitted they were government soldiers, and the guerrillas said the rest tried to pose as civilians in an attempt to escape.

Bundestag votes 255 to 222

Bonn abolishes Nazi trial limit

BONN, July 4 (R) — West Germany has decided after much soul-searching there can be no time limit for prosecution of Nazi murderers.

After a debate lasting nearly 10 hours, the Bonn parliament voted 255 to 222 to abolish the statute of 30-year limitation on murder prosecutions.

Tuesday night's decision closed a legal loophole which would have enabled undetected Nazi murderers to escape justice for war crimes after the end of the year.

The statute did not apply to investigations already under way and these would have carried on regardless of how the Bundestag voted. Hitler's deputy Martin Bormann, if still alive, would not have escaped justice as he was sentenced to death in his absence in 1946.

Israel immediately welcomed the vote. Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir called it a "correct and inevitable decision." Opposition Leader Shimon Peres cabled the ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD) to thank them for their stance in the debate.

Every SPD deputy who spoke Tuesday favored abolition of the statute. Justice Minister Hans-Jochen Vogel said the law had to come to terms with history.

He told parliament that every murderer detected after December 31 who could no longer be prosecuted would be a severe blow to a peace based on justice.

West Germany had to make a clear signal in view of the millions of Nazi murders, he added.

Among the victims of the Nazi regime were six million Jews.

Most deputies of the opposition Christian Democrat Party argued for retention of the statute. Deputy Carl Otto Lenz said the task of assembling evidence three or four decades after the event threatened to turn trials into a lottery.

Israelis visiting Bonn in recent months to lobby for a change in the law made clear that their main concern was not necessarily to stage more trials.

Israeli Nazi-hunter Tuvia Friedman said he simply wanted to ensure that Nazi murderers would not be able to boast of their crimes without fear of punishment. "Their silence is all we ask" he said.

Statistics show that it has become difficult to get a conviction in a war crimes trial. During the period 1965-1975 the conviction rate in such trials was only 1.5 per cent.

But Nazis still come before German courts and still receive prison sentences.

Only two days ago a former Nazi concentration camp commandant, 66-year-old Walter Knop, was sentenced by a Cologne court to nine years jail for involvement in the murder of 159 prisoners.

Over 70,000 Nazi criminals have been convicted in courts here and abroad.

The Bundestag's decision to abolish the statute of limitations for murder has to be referred to the upper house (Bundesrat), but this body is not expected to reverse the Bundestag's vote.

Pigeon mission

Birds coming to rescue

WASHINGTON, July 4 (R) — Pigeons are being trained to spot life jackets at sea in what the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard maintain is an improved system of air-sea rescue.

Half a dozen birds are being trained to detect the bright orange color used on life jackets, and by autumn, they should be ready to go aloft in specially-designed pods slung under Coast Guard helicopters.

Project officer Douglas Conley said the first three pigeons in the

program were trained for 18 months, then used for the first time last February in the search for a missing ship off Hawaii.

But the helicopter made a forced landing at sea, the pod was torn off and all three birds were lost.

Conley said the new birds, which make their sighting at a distance of about a quarter of a mile, identified a small test buoy on the first pass 90 per cent of the time, which helicopter crew members scored only 35 per cent.

Lion tamer's protest is cagey affair

ROME, July 4 (AP) — Angry because he was not given permanent permission to bring his small circus to suburban Rome, lion tamer Mario Vulcanelli took to the streets Wednesday — with his eight lions.

Vulcanelli's unusual protest materialized at dawn when he put a big cage in front of the Ministry of Tourism and Entertainment, not far from the Saint John Basilica, and entered the cage with the eight lions.

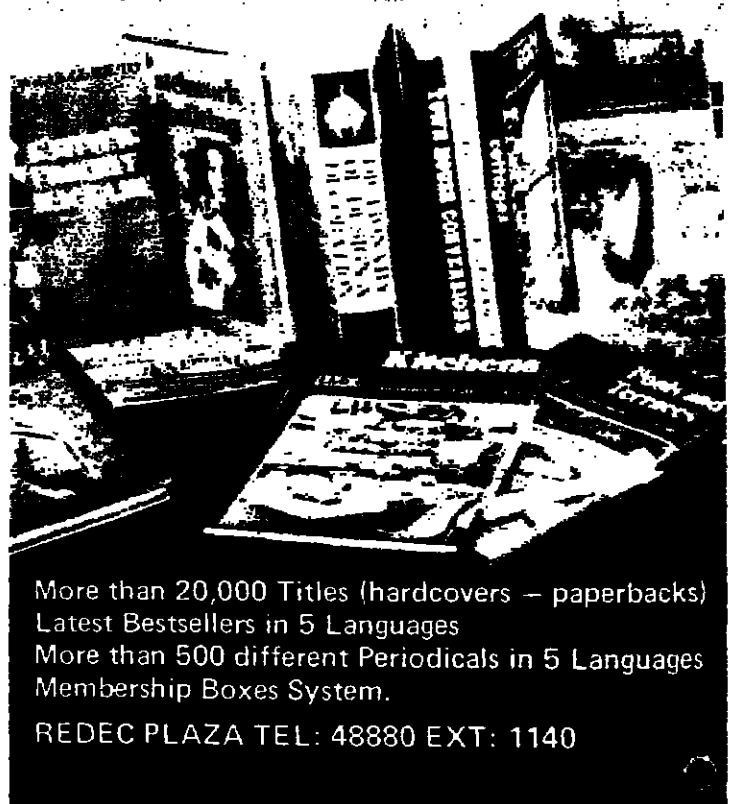
Vulcanelli, 43, told policemen who rushed to the spot he would remain inside the cage with his lions until authorities bow to his demand.

As Vulcanelli remained inside the cage, his wife and six children picked in front of the ministry with signs saying:

"We want to work. Authorities must help us. Our children want to eat."

Vulcanelli's circus, made of 20 artists, was given provisional permission to set up its tents around in the area outside Rome. Vulcanelli said the permission was short-term and that his company has to be idled for a long time before such permission would be renewed by authorities.

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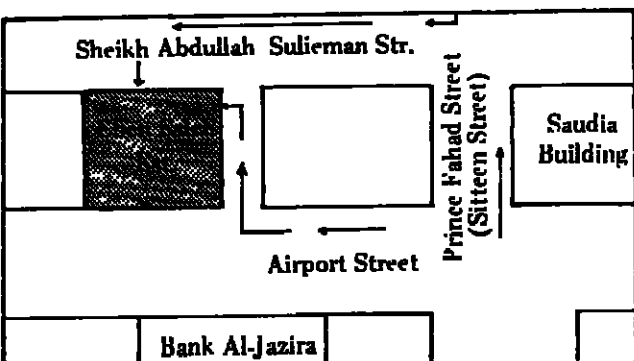


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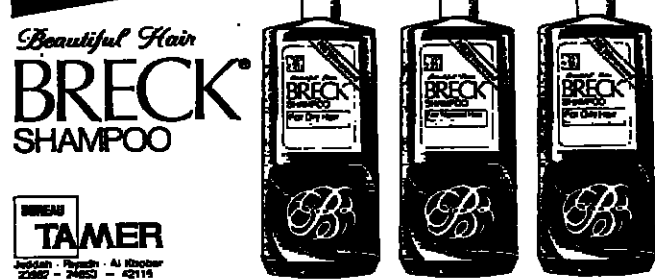
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